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LATEST FOREIGN ADVICES.

The Insurrection in Herzegovina.

A Terrible Tale of Suffering Among Refugees.

Over 100,000 People Without Food or Shelter.

The Russian Campaign in Asia.

CABINET CHANGES IN SPAIN.

TURKEY.

A Terrible Tale of Suffering.

NEW YORK, December 2.—A private letter received from Ragusa, Delmatra, Austria, from a lady who is an eye witness of the sufferings of Herzegovina refugees, contains the following: Very many of the children had only one garment tied together, and principally composed of patches, still one mass of rags, which seemed to make their nakedness more pitiful, and yet of all the refugees those at Ragusa are the most fortunate. The best fed and clothed are there at present. In the district of Ragusa alone there are 12,000 refugees, nearly all women, children and old men. In Montenegro there are 50,000; in Croatia and Servia thousands again, the whole number of fugitives amounting to nearly 120,000. With the means received up to the present time, 16,000 or 18,000 people might be protected to the extent of a blanket a piece from winter's cold, but the remaining 100,000 or more are without food or a roof to cover them, to say nothing of the wounded men brought from battle, the sick and dying, the child-bearing women and the pest-stricken. The lady makes an earnest appeal for help to keep from deathly cold and starvation a whole population, whose sin is that they are Christians, Christian dogs, Rayahs, and adds: "My husband was on the frontier of Bosnia, where the river Save divides the Turkish territory from the Austrian. He was entreated by the people of the Austrian village not to cross the river and enter the Turkish town, as he would certainly loose his life, but by allowing himself to be introduced as a merchant from Trieste, he was unmolested. He walked through the streets of Kostanitza. The bleeding bodies of Christians lay all about the streets. On the river he had seen boats filled with refugees, striving for dear life to reach the Austrian shore. The Turks fired into them, and one of the boats was sunk. The others reached the shore, covered with blood from the wounds of fugitives. Headless bodies of women were floating on the water. In the streets of the town the swine were feeding on the corpses of Christian women.

Surrender of Turkish Troops.

VIENNA, December 2.—The *Neue Freie Presse*, of this city, has received a telegram from an Sclavonian correspondent to the effect that the Turkish garrison of Goransche, consisting of two battalions, have surrendered to the insurgents unconditionally. They were in all probability starved out.

A Protest to Montenegro.

LONDON, December 2.—The *Pall Mall Gazette's* telegram from Berlin states that Turkey has energetically protested to Montenegro against Montenegrans taking part in the Herzegovinian insurrection, and that the great powers support the protest.

SPAIN.

Two Armies.

MADRID, December 2.—The Cabinet Council has decided upon the formation of two armies of five divisions each, one in Navarre, to be commanded by General Martenez Campos, and the other in the Basque provinces, to be commanded by Gen. Quesada. The Generals will shortly leave for their respective commands.

Cabinet Changes.

MADRID, December 2.—The changes in the Cabinet went into effect to-day. The following ministers took the oath of office before the King: Canovas Del Costello, President of the Ministerial Council; Colldeson Collantes, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Martin Herrera, Minister of Justice; Toreno, Minister of Public Works. The other heads of departments remain unchanged. Collantes was offered the mission to Rome, but declined it, being unable to leave the city on account of domestic affairs. He was then transferred from the Ministry of Justice to that of Foreign Affairs.

GERMANY.

The Suez Canal.

BERLIN, December 2.—An interview has taken place between Gortschakoff and Bismarck, which is believed, has resulted in the declaration of Bismarck's approbation of the purchase of the Suez Canal by Great Britain.

The Philadelphia Exhibition.

BERLIN, December 2.—The Federal Council has passed a resolution adding 100,000 marks to the sum already allotted to facilitate and promote the display of German products at the Philadelphia Exhibition.

The Eastern Question.

LONDON, December 3.—A special dispatch from Berlin to the *Morning Post* says: It is reported that the conferences between Bismark, Gortschakoff and the Austrian Ambassador have shown that the three powers they represent are in perfect harmony on the Eastern question.

ASIA.

The War with Russia.

LONDON, December 2.—A Reuter telegram, dated Khojend, November 30, says notwithstanding their recent defeat at Mamongahen, the Kiptschaks assembled on the left bank of the Narin and Syr Daria rivers in large numbers. Their headquarters were at Balykischi, where they had concentrated to the number of 20,000. The Russians, under General Skobeleff, attacked the town on November 24th. The Kiptschaks were defeated with immense loss. The Russian troops, after their victory, returned to Marongahen. It is believed security is reestablished on the right bank of the Syr Daria.

FRANCE.

The Suez Canal.

LONDON, December 3.—A Paris correspondent of the *Times* reports that the Duc D' Harcourt, in a dispatch to the Duc De. Cazes, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, states that Derby told him that England bought the Khedive's shares solely to prevent a preponderance of foreign influence in the Suez Canal, and would neither propose nor oppose an arrangement to place the canal under the management of an International Syndicate.

RUSSIA.

Affairs in Khokand.

LONDON, December 3.—A Vienna telegram to the *Daily News* says General Kaufmann has informed the Government at St. Petersburg that unless he receives 20,000 men, with artillery, he cannot relieve the garrison of Khokand. All his available troops are merely sufficient to protect the frontier.

EGYPT.

The Campaign in Zanzibar.

ADEN, December 2.—The Egyptian troops occupied the districts of Jubo and Kismayo, disarmed the Zanzibar forces there, and hoisted the Turkish flag.

DOMESTIC INFELICITY.

A Difference in Religious Belief the Cause—A Dead Child Buried Three Times—A Living Child a Bone of Contention.

LOUISVILLE, December 2.—Some weeks ago a difficulty at Corydon, Ind., occurred between a man and his wife, named Alexander, over the burial of a child. She is a Catholic and he a strict Protestant, and upon the death of the child he had it buried in a Protestant graveyard, which caused the trouble, and she had it taken up and buried in the Catholic burying ground. The child was subsequently taken up and buried in the Protestant cemetery. Since that time the remaining child has been a bone of contention, the mother insisting upon raising it Catholic and he declaring that it should not be. The trouble culminated in the seizure of the child by the mother last week, and on Saturday she came to this city. The father of the child and a friend came up and made a search for the little girl in Louisville, finding her on Tuesday evening. Yesterday morning the overjoyed father left for Corydon with the little one. The girl is eight years of age, the wife having been left, it is believed, in this city.

Railway Extension in Indiana.

EVANSVILLE, December 2.—At a called meeting of the City Council this evening, a contract between the trustees of city bonds and the Lake Erie, Evansville & Southwestern Railway Company was fully approved and ratified. This contract obligates the railway company to extend the road from Boonville, in Warrick county, to Huntingburg, in Dubois county, by the 1st of October next, in consideration of which the railroad company is to receive the proceeds of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars of city bonds in railroad iron. It is thought this contract will insure the completion of the road to its junction with the Louisville & St. Louis Air Line.

THE WHISKY RING.

The Alleged Frauds in Indiana.

The Case of John W. Bingham—He Withdraws His Plea of "Not Guilty" and Enters One of "Guilty."

INDIANAPOLIS, December 2.—John W. Bingham reached this city from St. Louis this morning in charge of the Marshal of Missouri. When brought before the Court to-day Gen. Shackelford presented an affidavit of Mr. Bingham, setting forth in detail the cause of his detention at St. Louis, and his inability to be present on the 30th of November, the date set for his trial. The document, after relating the whereabouts of the defendant up to the 25th of November, continues that on the date last mentioned Mr. Bingham was in attendance upon his brother, who was ill at Patoka. While there his St. Louis bondsmen, without his knowledge, consent, or connivance, or that of his attorneys, surrendered him into the custody of the Marshal of Missouri, in which district there was an indictment pending against him prior to that returned by the Indiana Court; that he was taken to St. Louis, where, being a comparative stranger, he was made to give a new bond, and consequently could not secure his release and be here in person at the time designated for the hearing of his case. In view of these facts the defendant asks to have the forfeiture of his bonds set aside, and himself released on the same recognizance as it stood prior to November 30. The affidavit concludes with a positive denial of any intent on the part of the defendant or that of his counsel to perpetrate fraud on the Court.

At this point, at the conclusion of the reading of the document, the district prosecutor interposing no objections to the statements set forth in it, and acquiescing in the request that the forfeiture of defendant's bond be set aside, the Court so directed. After disposing of the matter the defendant withdrew his plea of "not guilty" on the five separate indictments pending against him for violation of the revenue law, and entered a plea of "guilty."

This move was entirely unexpected, as the defendant has protested his innocence of the charges preferred against him. Those who are in a position to know, however, say the evidence against him is so strong that any defense would be fruitless. Bingham has been released on his recognizance to await the sentence of the Court, which in all probability will not be entered before the last of next week. On Thursday next the cases of those parties indicted who have expressed their intention of standing a trial will have a hearing, in the event that they do not put in a plea of "guilty" in the interval.

The condition of Mr. Gordon Bingham, who is lying ill at Patoka, is reported to be critical, necessarily delaying the disposition of his case.

The supposition is that he will pursue the same course as that of his brother J. W. as above stated. Since his release Mr. Bingham has gone before the United States Grand Jury, now in session, and it is believed will unbosom himself of matter in his knowledge which will cause other hearts to bleed, and in localities not heretofore suspected of any irregularity. The result of his disclosures will be anxiously awaited, and some startling revelations may be expected. Hiram B. Snyder, another of the parties indicted by the Grand Jury, entered a plea of "guilty."

The "Crooked" Trial in Milwaukee—Libel Suits by Ex-Senator Carpenter.

MILWAUKEE, December 2.—In the case of Taft and Weimer, to-day, several witnessed testified to the good character of Taft, and the defense rested. Mr. McKinney addresses the jury for the prosecution and Judge Hubbell for the defense.

Ex-Senator Carpenter announces over his signature that he will bring suits against the Chicago *Times* and the Chicago *Journal*. The alleged libels were charges to the effect that he was a party to the operations of the whisky ring.

Louis Rindskopf was taken before Supervisor Heidrick to-day, and asked whether he had paid money to any officer to influence his action, and especially whether he had paid any money to J. J. Conklin, ex-Revenue Agent. Rindskopf refused to answer, and was therefore committed to jail.

NEW YORK.

Charles O'Conor Still Alive.

Supreme Court Decisions in Murder Cases.

NEW YORK, December 2, 1875.

The Struggle in Cuba.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to-day, a committee of five was appointed to consider what effect a longer continuance of the struggle in Cuba would have upon the commerce of this country, and whether the chamber should memorialize Congress in relation to the matter.

Decisions of the Supreme Court To-day.

The general term of the Supreme Court has rendered the following decisions: The application for a reversal of judgment and new trial in the case of Wm. Ellis Wm. Thompson and Charles Weston, jointly murderers of the Jew peddlar Weisburg, to be hanged on December 17th, was denied; an application for a stay of the execution of John Dolan, to be hanged on December 10th, for the murder of the brush manufacturer, Mr. Noe, of Greenwich street, was denied. An appeal for a stay in all these cases, it is understood, will be made to the Court of Appeals.

The general term of the Supreme Court has decided that fifty city lots of the Female Academy of the Sacred Heart, for buildings, part for gardens and exercise grounds for eight hundred and fifty inmates, be exempted from taxation, as being used solely for educational purposes.

Business Failures.

The failure of B. & P. Lawrence, stationers, of Maiden Lane, is likely to be a heavy one, though much of the indebtedness is to foreign houses.

The liabilities of Abraham Bogardus, photographer, whose failure is announced, is estimated at $35,000. He claims that if the creditors allow time he can pay in full.

Michigan Central Railroad.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Michigan Central Railroad Company in this city, yesterday, Samuel Sloan, President of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, was unanimously elected Vice President.

A Deb! Canceled.

At a meeting of the Travelers' Club yesterday, the entire indebtedness of the club, amounting to more than $20,000 was canceled, and an additional $5,000 placed to the credit of the Treasurer to facilitate its future management.

Temperance Convention.

A committee was appointed to-day to represent the Chamber of Commerce at the annual Convention of the American Board of Transportation and Commerce to be held in Chicago on the 15th inst.

Charles O'Conor.

At a late hour to-night Charles O'Conor was still alive, but his condition was stated to be very low.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

Two Men Fatally and Eight Slightly Injured.

CLEVELAND, December 2.—The boiler in the wood block sawing works of McMahon & Steele, pavement contractors, exploded this afternoon with terrible force. Fifteen or twenty men were at work about the building, two of whom, Henry Hazely and Terance Doyle, were so severely injured that they will die. Eight others were more or less injured, none, it is thought, seriously. The building was torn to pieces, and fragments of the boiler were thrown a great distance. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Marine News.

ANTWERP, December 2.—Arrived—The steamer State of Nevada, from Philadelphia.

NEW YORK, December 2.—Arrived—The steamship City of Montreal, from Liverpool.

LONDON, December 2.—The steamer France, from New York for this port, has arrived off Deal.

Coal Consumed in London.

The growing wealth and population of London have played, perhaps, the principal part in the wonderful growth of the coal trade. Without stating ancient statistics, I may mention that in the four years ending in 1872, the quantity of coal actually consumed in London increased by more than three-quarters of a million of tons, the total for 1872 being nearly six millions. Another curious fact is that during the four years in question occurred not only the increase cited in gross consumption per head, and this in spite of the high prices which ruled toward the end of that period. Thus in the year 1869, when coal was sold retail at about twenty-five or twenty-six shillings per ton, London consumed twenty-seven hundred weight per head; and in the year 1872, when prices varied from thirty-six to fifty-two shillings per ton, they actually burned twenty-nine hundred weight per head of population! A convincing proof, if any were needed, that, despite the halo which surrounds the "good old times," and the frantic shrieking of idle people with fixed incomes, the great bulk of the nation is getting better off every year.

SECOND EDITION

FROM WASHINGTON.

Democratic Candidates for the Speakership in Consultation.

General Babcock and the Whisky Frauds.

He Demands a Court of Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, December 2, 1875

Returned.

Ex-Commissioner Douglass, Col. L. P. Luckey, Private Secretary to the President, and other gentlemen who have been in St. Louis the past week as witnesses in the whisky fraud cases, returned here to-day.

Gen. Babcock and the Whisky Frauds.

General Babcock to-day addressed the following letter to the President:

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 2.—Sir: On the 29th ultimo, in the trial of W. O. Avery before the United States Court at St. Louis, Mo., one of the prosecuting attorneys, Hon. J. H. Henderson, introduced certain telegrams alleged to have been sent by me to Messrs. McDonald and Joyce, recently convicted of complicity in the whisky frauds, and is reported in the St. Louis *Globe Democrat* as having used the following language: (Here follows the language of Mr. Henderson, to the effect that he intended to prove that General Babcock was in the ring.) Being informed of this charge, I telegraphed to D. P. Dyer, United States District Attorney, on the 30th ult., as follows: "I am absolutely innocent, and every telegram which I sent will appear perfectly innocent the moment I can be heard. I demand a hearing before the Court where I can testify," and received upon the same day the following telegram:

"The evidence in the Avery case is closed. The next case involving the question of conspiracy is set for the 15th of December. (Signed) "DAVID P. DYER,

"District Attorney."

The opportunity to answer the charges contained in the above speech have been thus denied by me, and being left without any opportunity to vindicate myself, I respectfully demand a court of inquiry, and request that an immediate investigation be ordered.

I am, sir, very respectfully your obdient servant, O. E. BABCOCK,

Com. of Engineers U. S. A.

To the President.

The Speakership.

Messrs. Kerr, Randall and Cox, candidates for the Speakership, met this afternoon and agreed that a Democratic caucus be held at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and that Mr. Lamar, of Mississippi, preside over it.

Anniversary Celebration.

The anniversary of the Methodist Freedman's Aid Society was held at the Metropolitan church to-night. There was a large attendance Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Townsend, of Boston University, and Rev. Dr. Walden, of Cincinnati.

THE GRANGERS.

Adjournment of the National Grange—The Duty of Individual Members of the Order to Each Other.

LOUISVILLE, December 2.—The National Grange adjourned *sine die* to-night, after transacting the following business:

Resolved, That in the sense of the National Grange, the following suggestions are applicable to the present wants of the Order: As the closing scenes of this long and laborious session approach, as the memory of the previous sessions and the many glorious achievements of the Order return to us, as we look forward to the future, we are deeply impressed with the truth that we must at all times preserve a vital spirit of fraternity between Granges and individual members of this Order to best maintain its vigor, success and prosperity. Its and the nature of our solemn obligations should ever be borne in mind. We have promised to aid, and not to injure our fellow patrons, therefore the good name of brother or sister should be as precious to each one of us is our own. Harshness has no place in the principles of our Order. Its mission is one of peace, gentleness and good will. Therefore, in the discussion or application of our principles, we hold that all asperity and violence are out of place, and should ever be avoided by our members. We also hold that the interpretation of any law of our Order which works a munificent injustice to any member is at fault, and in all applications of our laws and regulations we should always remember that a grange is organized for the comfort, convenience and welfare of every worthy member. We trust that our members everywhere will renew their pledges of fealty to this noble brotherhood, endeavoring especially to live up to the following principles of our declaration of our purposes, viz.: We shall constantly strive to secure entire harmony, good will and vital brotherhood among ourselves, and to make our Order perpetual. We shall earnestly endeavor to suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices, all unhealthy rivalry, all selfish ambition. These are not idle words, but vital principles, which will give life and permanence to every grange throughout our land, if our members will but emulate each other to exemplify them in their words and actions.

Mr. Aiken, of South Carolina, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the currency question is rapidly becoming a political question, and therefore should not be entertained by this grange.

A resolution requiring the Secretary to have printed 25,000 copies of the proceedings of this session, and send of the same to each State grange, as many copies as there were subordinate granges in July, 1875, under direction of the Executive Committee, and not less than ten copies to each State Grange Master, was adopted.

Mr. Moore, of the Finance Committee, submitted a resolution instructing the fiscal agent or the Order in New York to transfer certain stocks, amounting to $15,000, to the Executive Committee of the National Grange, to enable that committee to pay the various donations to the State granges granted at this session. Adopted.

Mr. Maxwell offered a resolution in regard to co-operation, instructing the Worthy Master to continue a correspondence with English co-operation societies, and extending friendly greeting to all such societies. Adopted.

THE WEATHER.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER,
UNITED STATES SIGNAL SERVICE,
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 2, 1875.

Local Observations.

Time.	Bar.	Ther.	Humidt.	Wind.	Weather.
7 A. M.	30.327	23	60	E.	Clear.
2 P. M.	30.313	36	53	E.	Clear.
9 P. M.	30.314	29	67	E.	Clear.

Mean Barometer, 30.317.
Mean Thermometer, 29.
Highest Thermometer, 37.
Lowest Thermometer, 20.

L. A. WELSH,
Sergt., Sig. Service, U. S. A.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
UNITED STATES SIGNAL SERVICE,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3, 1875—1 A. M.

Probabilities for To-day.

For Friday for the Gulf States, Tennessee, Ohio valley and Lake regions, stationary or falling barometer, warmer, partly cloudy weather, and northeast winds, followed by a "Norther" in Western Texas.

The Ohio river will fall slightly, and the lower Mississippi rise.

Meteorological Summary.

The following is a summary of the observations taken at Pittsburgh during the month of November:

Barometer—Highest, 30.630; lowest, 29.42; mean, 30.06.

Temperature—Highest, 63; lowest, 8; mean, 38.7.

Wind—Prevailing direction, northwest; greatest velocity, 18 miles an hours; total number of miles, 4,709.

Number of cloudy days, 3; rainy, 14. Total rainfall, 2.96 inches. Mean humidity, 69.8.

LAKE DISASTERS.

A Schooner Foundered—All on Board Lost.

OSWEGO, December 2.—The schooner J. G. Jenkins foundered in a gale on Tuesday, above Oswego, and all on board were lost, as follows: Captain, John Brown, of Oswego; first mate, John Smith; second mate, Sam. McDonald; seamen, Hugh Doran, John Stewart, James Williams, Michael Bropty, Wm. Benner, all of Oswego, and an old man, cook, from Buffalo. The vessel was insured for $3,000, and the cargo for $26,000.

The Sale of the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

PHILADELPHIA, December 2.—The *Evening Telegraph* says the navy yard was bought for Drexel & Co., the well known bankers, and S. & W. Welsh, a large shipping firm, of this city.

This afternoon John P. Green, one of President Scott's assistants, stated positively that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was the real purchaser of the navy yard, but declared they had not matured their plans for the future in relation to the property.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Condensed Telegrams from All Quarters.

—The Prince of Wales and suite have arrived at Kanady.

—A report prevailed in Washington yesterday that Marcus L. Ward, of New Jersey, had been tendered the office of Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

—A dispatch from Seattle, Oregon, says the bark Atlanta was lost on Destruction Island, near where the Pacific foundered. The crew was saved except two.

—A dispatch from Eureka, Nev., says there was an extensive cave in the Richmond Consolidated mine on Thursday morning. Two miners were killed.

—All is quiet at the Rock Springs and Carbon coal mines in Wyoming. The new men are working peaceably at Rock Springs, and will also at Carbon in a few days. The military are still at the mines.

—D. W. Mann, who was arrested in Chicago recently because of indictments pending against him in the federal courts of St. Louis for complicity in revenue frauds in the Southern District of Illinois, gave bail to the amount of ten thousand dollars for his appearance in St. Louis on Monday.

—The Ohio County Auditors State Convention adjourned without transacting any special business. It is to meet in Columbus again on the third Wednesday in next January. A. S. Frazier, of Green, was elected President, C. W. Mathews, of Shelby, Secretary, and S. Case, of Wood, Treasurer.

—The Ohio State Dental Convention have elected C. E. Taft, of Cincinnati, President; J. C. Whinnery, of Salem, and A. L. Brown, of Chillicothe, Vice Presidents; A. L. Emminger, of Columbus, Corresponding Secretary; H. L. Ambler, of Cleveland, Recording Secretary, and G. W. Keeler, of Oxford, Treasurer.

—The Arkansas Legislature has passed a bill regulating the common schools of the State, which creates the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Secretary of State has been *ex-officio* Superintendent. The bill was introduced last winter, and is thought to be an improvement on the present law.

—The official statement of the Bank of America at New Orleans, which suspended on Wednesday, shows assets of $619,510.50, and $338,756.32. The liabilities include $168,285.20 due depositors and $30,930.20 due importers and the Traders' National Bank of New York. The assets are decidedly weak. It is estimated they will yield from ten to twenty-five cents on the dollar.

—A Lebanon (Ky.,) dispatch says that a constable of Casey county came to that place on Thursday to get United States troops to arrest Bill Wilson, a notorious outlaw, who he said had been wounded by a comrade. The troops declined to assist, and the constable being afraid to tackle Wilson's stronghold, he is still at liberty. It will be remembered that Wilson, after the conviction of murder and sentence to penal servitude for life, escaped from custody several months ago.

—Capt. Waddell, who arrived in San Francisco in command of the Pacific Mail steamer City of San Francisco, will not take her on her first trip to Sydney, via Honolulu, being threatened with arrest by the Hawaiian authorities on a charge of piracy for the destruction of the Hawaiian bark Harvest during his operations against the Arctic whaling fleet in the rebel steamer Shenandoah. Capt. Lochlan will take his place temporarily pending arrangements to secure Waddell's freedom from molestation by the Hawaiian authorities.

The Chicago Barrel Mystery.

CHICAGO, December 2.—The identity of the woman, whose body was sent packed in a barrel, together with an infant, to the United States Express Company's office yesterday, has not been discovered. The supposition that she was highly respectable, however, does not appear to be well founded. The expressman who took the body to the office was arrested this morning, and pointed out the two men who procured his aid. Both of the others immediately arrested. Their names are Darrow and Jackson, carpenters, on the South Side. It is asserted they have done a body snatching business at times. The body was taken from a barn on the corner of State and Twentieth streets. These men stated to a *Post and Mail* reporter that Dr. E. B. N. Wilder furnished the bodies to them and that they carried them up at his request. A warrant was gotten out for the arrest of Dr. Wilder.

It appears to-night that the body was exhumed from Graceland Cemetery on Tuesday night by two Negroes, Thomas Scott and John McAllister, acting under the direction of Dr. E. P. B. Wilder. These negroes have been arrested on a charge of body snatching. Mr. Green, of the firm of T. Green & Co., of Iowa City, to whom the barrel was consigned, proves to be the janitor of the Medical College at Iowa City.

A New Receiver for the Louisville & Cincinnati Short Line R. R.

LOUISVILLE, December 2.—All parties concerned in the suit against the Louisville & Cincinnati Short Line Railroad, by which a receiver had been appointed over a year ago, filed a petition in court to-day asking that the office be declared vacant. The reason assigned is that the receiver, Samuel Gill, who has filled the position very acceptably since his appointment, is now mentally deranged and unable to attend to his duties. His condition is alleged to have been produced by disease of the brain. A certificate to this effect of Mr. Gill's physician accompanies the petition; also an affidavit of a brother and other relatives, acknowledging the facts named. The court will appoint a new receiver to-morrow and a reduction of the salary from $7,000 to $5,000. Mr. Gill is an old railroad expert and known all over the continent.

Meeting of the Ohio Board of Centennial Commissioners.

COLUMBUS, December 2.—The Ohio Board of Centennial Managers met here to-day. State School Commissioner Smart explained the system that has been adopted by the Board of Education of the State to have Ohio educational matters fully represented at the Centennial, which was fully concurred in by the Board. Reports received from sub-agents indicate that all the space allotted to Ohio will be fully occupied. The Board adjourned to meet here on January 5th.

Murderers Respited.

NEW ORLEANS, December 2.—Governor Kellogg has respited Bill Williams and Pendleton, sentenced to be hanged to-morrow, to December 31, when they will be executed unless the Supreme Court grants them a new trial, for which they have made application, upon the ground that the jury which indicted them was not a legal jury, that was drawn by Judge Brongh; while he was acting by the appointment of Judge Atocha and before Brought had been commissioned by the Governor.

What I Have Seen.

An old man of much experience says:

I have seen a young man sell a good farm, turn merchant, and die in an insane asylum.

I have seen a farmer travel about so much that there was nothing at home worth looking at.

I have seen a man spend more money in folly than would support his family in comfort and independence.

I have seen a young girl marry a young man of dissolute habits, and repent of it as long as she lived.

I have seen a man depart from truth where candor and veracity would have served to a much better purpose.

I have seen the extravagance and folly of children bring their parents to poverty and want, and themselves to disgrace.

I have seen a prudent and industrious wife retrieve the fortunes of a family when the husband pulled at the other end of the rope.

I have seen a young man who despised the counsels of the wise and advice of the good, and his career end in poverty and wretchedness.

Notice.

There will be a special meeting of the stockholders of the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Railroad Company at the office of the company in the city of Pittsburgh, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 13th day of December, 1875. This meeting is called by the Directors of the company to authorize the issue of the bonds of the company, to be secured by a consolidated mortgage, and to consider an arrangement for the operating of the road by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, and the guarantee by the said Baltimore & Ohio Railroad of the consolidated mortgage bonds to be issued.

JOHN KIRK, JR.,
MENDES COHEN,
HUGH SISSON,
J. DONNELL SMITH,
WM. H. PERKINS,
HAZELTINE G. VICKEY,
CHAS. WEBB,
WM. KEYSER,
GEO. R. DENNIS,
W. S. BISSELL,
G. L. B. FETTERMAN,
WM. BALDWIN,
Directors.

MWF PITTSBURGH, November 26, 1875.

HOW THE CREDITORS MEET.

A Picture Drawn by the Pen of One who Has Been There.

One of the most amusing places to visit in these times of business depression is "a meeting of the creditors" of one of the firms that have suspended payment.

If you are one of the creditors you have the honor to receive an invitation to attend the meeting. It is generally neatly printed, and in it they request the pleasure of your company at such a day and hour, at their own or their lawyers' office. Perhaps you swear a little when you read it, which is naughty. If too good to do that, you swear mentally (but I have heard some swear openly and call the firm had names), and at last you decide to accept the invitation.

On arriving at the meeting you find a mixed assemblage, about half smoking, and most of them in the best humor; but there are a few sour creditors, who have old-fogy notions of right and wrong. One of the creditors, perhaps only on paper, jumps up and says, "I nominate Mr. Jones as chairman." If it is a "crooked" failure, it is generally a friend of the firm's. The motion is seconded and carried. Secretary nominated, seconded, and carried. Everything is "carried" at a meeting. A motion is never negatived. Meeting organized, hats come off.

Some one moves that a statement of liabilities and assests be read. Motion seconded and carried. Statement generally reads something like this: "Liabilities about $80,000; stock on hand about $12,000, present value about $9,000; bills receivable and open accounts, $25,000; bills bad, $9,000." Firm offers thirty cents at six, twelve, and eighteen months. Up jumps one of the oldtogy creditors and wishes to ask Mr. Smith, one of the firm, what he meant by stating to him a month ago that he had $50,000 stock, and only owed $30,000.

Mr. Smith replies in a blank voice that "the gentleman who last spoke must have misunderstood the tenor of his remarks at the time he mentioned."

Irate old creditor says he "rather thinks he did not, and is ready to go on the stand and swear to it."

Up jumps another old fogy and "wants to know how his books stood on Dec. 31."

Mr. Smith replies that his books were not "balanced."

Old fogy "wants to know why they were not balanced."

Mr. Smith replies because they could not make them "balance." [Laughter.]

Then young America jumps up and says "he does not see that talking will mend matters; time is valuable, and he cannot afford to lose any more of it at this meeting, as he has several more to attend to-day." [Laughter.] The firm, no doubt, needed more capital to conduct their business properly, and took this means to obtain it. [Laughter.] No doubt if they settled with them on these terms, the firm could take a larger store in a better location [laughter], and most of the creditors could sell them more goods than they did before [laughter], and get worse 'bit' next time. [Laughter.] Therefore I move the offer be accepted."

The chairman states that the motion is before the meeting. Motion carried.

Young America—I move we adjourn. Carried.

Young America—And I move an amendment "to the nearest restaurant" to drink everybody's health, the firms included. [Laughter.]

HE LEARNED.

The Experience of a Minnesotian in Learning That Fascinating Little Game.

A young man away from the wheat fields of Fillmore county, Minnesota, arrived in our city yesterday morning, whose experiences on the road had left him a sadder, wiser, and poorer man. He was on a pleasure journey, and his destination was a little village off from the Allegheny Valley Railroad near Redbank. His journey—it was generally so understood by his fellow passengers—was of an ante-wedding character, and as a consequence he was happy and susceptible. He also seems to have held a high rank among that large company of which it can never be said they are all deceased. He was coming to the city on the express train which gets here at two o'clock in the morning, and as the hours passed heavily it was not hard for him to become interested in a "Texas drover" who introduced himself, and was anxious to learn his new found friend the mysteries of that little game which bears the classic name of "three card monte." A couple of well-dressed travellers, sleek in apparel and oily of tongue, were likewise interested. The young man from Minnesota thought his eye could not deceive him. He had faith in his ability to designate the "little joker" of the three cards every time. He made three efforts and lost $80, and would have made the fourth effort and lost $20 more—his last cent—had not a fellow traveler who had previously warned, him interposed and persuaded him to keep a little to take him to his journey's end. The "monte" men got off at Enon Valley station, and the Minnesotian with only $20 in his pocket and a thousand miles from home was left to ponder on the peculiarities of "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain," as illustrated in his own experience. His sadness, he explained was not so much for the loss of his ducats, as for the way he "was took in." He thinks he will know better next time; and perhaps he will.

STATE BREVITIES.

A PHILLIPSBURG woman recently paid a large sum to have a wart removed from her nose. The wart was removed but the nose went with it.

TUESDAY last an accident occurred at Little Corners, near Meadville, by which a young man named Palmer was killed by the discharge of a gun in the hands of his brother-in-law, who was helping him do some butchering. The charge took effect near the heart, causing death almost instantly.

A LITTLE girl named Sarah Bella Dively, was killed at Harrisburg, by her brother, who accidentally struck her on the side of the head with a base ball bat with which he had been knocking at stones. While throwing the bat backward his sister approached him unobserved and received the full force of the blow, fracturing her skull and throwing her into violent spasms, which continued until relieved of her sufferings by death, about seven hours after the accident.

EDWARD J. BACKENSTOSE, a justice of the peace of East Hanover township, in Lebanon county, the owner of a farm, and extensively engaged in the shipping of cattle to the Eastern markets, appointed an assignee last week. He has since confessed to the forgery of notes amounting to between $10,000 and $15,000, and has fled to parts unknown. His liabilities are reported to amount to about $25,000.

AFTER an interval of some years the quiet and repose of those who are enjoying the Isaac Heiman estate in Northampton county are about to be shaken. A lady calling herself Madame Veure Heiman, and a young man calling himself Gustave Heiman have come over from Paris and are stopping at the Sun Hotel in Bethlehem. These claim to be the true widow and son of Isaac Heiman and want his estate, valued at $60,000 to $100,000. Heiman, deceased, always claimed to have been divorced from his first wife, and left the bulk of his estate to a second wife, by whom he had a daughter, very slightly remembering his son in his will. Madame Veure Heiman denies the divorce, and if it cannot be established the position of the present possessors of the estate will turn out to be a very unfortunate one. It is said that Heiman gave his lawyers evidence of his divorce.—*Allentown Chronicle.*

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CHICAGO has a sensation, similar to that of New York a year or so ago. A woman and infant barreled up, were brought to an express office. The parties instrumental in attempting thus to send the body away were apprehended, and whatever mystery of crime there is in it, will soon be unraveled.

THE election is over, yet the friends of Dr. BROWNE, and even Dr. BROWNE himself, are discussing, in the public prints, the Roundhead Regiment story of his having been paid money for writing a history of the regiment, and failing to do it, or to return the money. We see no good reason why Republican papers should continue to agitate this question, whether it be true or false. Dr. BROWNE, as a candidate for public office, was fairly open to criticism and investigation; but being defeated, and having lapsed into privacy again, there is no good or sufficient reason for pursuing him. He is entitled to the privilege of quietly and peacefully pursuing the chosen work of his life.

THE selection of Hon. WILLIAM M. EVARTS as the orator, on the occasion of the opening of the Centennial Commission will, we think, be entirely acceptable to the country. Mr. EVARTS is one of the finest orators we have, and, in our opinion, for smoothness of diction, and ease and fluency of expression, as well as clearness and beauty of thought, stands unrivaled. W. H. LONGFELLOW has been selected for poet,—also an excellent choice. If all the arrangements shall be as wisely made, the Exposition will start under happy auspices. It is fairly indicative that all will be wisely done when we remember that THEODORE THOMAS has been given charge of the musical arrangements. So far, well.

THE Herzegovinian war develops all the barbarous qualities of the Turks. The sickening record given in our telegraphic columns, shows the utter, and unnecessary cruelty practiced toward Christians by the vicious soldiers of the Sultan. Yet the Turkish Government loudly and wailingly protests when other Christian provinces, touched by the outrages perpetrated, afford aid and relief to the sufferers. It is time the Turkish Government were restrained in its barbarities, or entirely prevented from committing them. If so called Christian powers were to restrain their hands, that evil Empire would very speedily pass away. The protecting hand should be withdrawn, and the people of the provinces given a chance to realize the blessings of at least a kindly, if not free and paternal Government.

THE Spanish note, in reply to the last communication made by our Government, is mild and rather pleading in tone. It claims to meet the spirit of our demands, offering gradual emancipation in Cuba, and the rights of conscience, with justice to American citizens. For years past, as the time for the meeting of Congress has come near, we have had trouble with Spain, met by liberal promises on her part, which, once the danger was over, were left unfulfilled. It looks very much as though we were being treated to our customary dose of promises. It certainly is time we had something reliable on this question, and if Spain means to do anything to pacify Cuba, it is time it were done. A long, brutal and apparently useless war is maintained there, the only apparent purpose of which is to gratify Spanish malevolence. As a Christian power, it is our duty to put an end to this business. We have a reason for interference on commercial and humanitarian grounds. Our business interests suffer because of the prolongation of this war. On this ground alone we have a right to interfere. Yet added to this are the claims of humanity. No fact is more fully recognized than this, —that where cruel and barbarous treatment is practiced by any responsible power, in dealing with its subjects under the forms of war, it is both the duty and right of other nations to interfere and rectify the wrong. We are justified, therefore, both in law and fact, in interfering in the interests of humanity, in the struggle in Cuba. We hope our Government will not be lulled into quietness by smooth but lying promises.

THE *Chronicle*, in a very temperate and excellent editorial, after referring, with approximate correctness, to the financial outcome of the Exposition,—that there is a deficiency of over $20,000, the cost of buildings and permanent fitting being accounted for,—suggests that it shall be run hereafter in the interest of the public. It certainly has been so run thus far,—the guarantors giving money and time, and effort, without, thus far, receiving a dime for services rendered. We agree that the Exposition should be fully a public measure, and the guarantors, having taken the entire risk of investing capital, have already expressed their willingness to surrender their stock on being paid its par value, and thus turn over the entire institution to the life members. In reality for at least five years to come, every dollar received from the Exposition, and even more, should be put in buildings, and in preparations to make it, in all particulars, a first class affair. Under the circumstances, the first Exposition was a marvelous success. Financially, it did better, in net results, than even the Chicago Exposition of this year. At Chicago, the gross receipts were larger, but the expenditures were immensely greater than here; and this because those in charge assigned their duties to subordinates, while here it was directly performed by those having the Exposition in charge. There was a measure of dissatisfaction among exhibitors, owing to the desire to secure premiums; but the Board, when summoned, fully sustained the principle on which the Executive Committee acted. When a full revelation comes to be made, through the annual reports of the several officers, it will be seen that the successful outcome of the Exposition was due to faithful management.

WHILE we have unofficial declarations that there is "nothing in" the idea that the Catholics desire to control in their interests the public schools, thus destroying their secular character, and changing them into Sectarian institutions, we have the following official announcement from Bishop MCQUAID, of Rochester, New York: "Our object is to gather in the children in large cities, whose parents are, many of them, too ignorant or lack time to give them proper (?) instruction. The State cannot reach all these children, but we can (compulsory education is the law in New York), and we do not ask the State to pay for the religious influences we throw around these children, but simply for the secular eaching they receive. We which city officials are involved. We believe that even in the repairs of the streets, and all that pertains to street management, a rigid investigation should be made in the interest of tax-payers. Our street contracts are, to the parties who seek to make money out of the tax-payers, what the New York Court House was to Boss TWEED.

PERSONAL.

"GOOD ENGLISH," the Boston *Post* calls Governor Ingersoll's appointment.

IRA HARRIS, formerly United States Senator, died at Albany, N. Y., Thursday.

MRS. ANDREW JOHNSON, the widow of ex-President Johnson, is still in infirm health.

VICE PRESIDENT WILSON is said to have left an estate worth about $3,000, and his place in Natick is valued at $2,500.

A PLASTER cast was taken of the face of the late Senator Ferry after death. It is the intention of his friends to erect a statue to his memory in Hartford, Conn.

MR. JACOB ABBOT is a bookmaker even more prolific than Mr. John Timbs. Harper & Bros. have published ninety-nine different works from his pen, and other publishers about fifty more.

MR. SPURGEON said, in a recent sermon on public speaking, "Moreover, brethren, avoid the use of the nose as an organ of speech, for the best authorities are agreed that it is intended to smell with.

FIFTY years ago Mr. and two Misses Keith, of Bridgewater, Mass., married Miss and two Messrs. Robinson. The six are still living, and the last of their golden wedding came off on Thanksgiving eve in Raynham.

THE Centennial Commission on the opening ceremonies, have selected Wm. M. Evarts for orator, W. H. Longfellow for poet, and a grandson of Richard H. Lee, of Virginia, reader of the Declaration of Independence.

KATE BATEMAN is asking for an injunction to prevent Mr. Daly from playing "The New Leah," which she claims as her property. She also estimates her loss by the performances of this piece by Clara Morris at $20,000.

A LETTER is published in the Concord papers from Miss Anna E. Dickinson's business manager, announcing that her health is such that her physician has ordered her to make a sea voyage and abandon all work. Under the circumstances he is canceling all her lecture engagements.

JUDGE BLACK'S friends in Pennsylvania are trying to make him a popular Presidential candidate by proving that he is on the fence so far as the currency question is concerned. Whatever card wins next year, it has been pretty conclusively demonstrated that that one won't.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

CHARLES THOMPSON has, by the Cherokee National Council, been declared duly elected Principal Chief by a majority of 11, and Judge Davis Rae Assistant Chief by 120. The Legislature stands as follows: Senate—11 Ross men, 7 Thompson and Downing men; House—19 Ross men, 14 for Downing.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS FRENCH, of the United States Senate, has published a card denying that Vice President Wilson was grossly neglected during his sickness, and saying: "A more comfortable room or more careful and faithful attendance could hardly be furnished a sick and dying man than we provided to the late Vice President."

THE name of that eminent lawyer, Charles O'Conor, has been added to the list of those who, by a premature announcement of their death, have been enabled to bear their own obituaries. It is hardly probable, however, that he will survive many days, as the malady from which he is suffering has been pronounced incurable by the attending physicians.

JENNIE JUNE describes Miss Alcott as a tall, slender woman, who looks as if she might have been handsome in her youth, and still preserves a striking appearance, received unending by her beautiful brown eyes and short but abundant brown curly hair. She is somewhat reserved, not to say brusque, in her manner, and does not always, therefore, produce the favorable impression upon strangers which her genine good-heartedness and truth deserve.

IF the Prince of Wales never moved in polite society before, he has reached it now. These were some of the people he called on on the other day at their residences: The Jam of Nowanagger, the Thakur Sah of Bbownaggur, the Rao of Cutch, the Dewar of Pahlanpore, the Nawabs of Junagarh and Radhanpore, Meer Ali Morad Kahn of Khairpur, the Raj Saheb of Dhrangadra, the Rajeh of Rajpeepla, the Mahrajahs of Edar and Mysore, and Sir Salar Jung.

SENATOR MORRILL wrote in a recent letter about Senator Ferry, of Connecticut: "I was in the House when he first entered the service of the nation, and have witnessed the ability and independence of his career and the purity and simple beauty of his character. I had learned to love both of the late Senators from Connecticut. They were both of them large-hearted and wise-headed statesmen, with whom it was a pleasure to be associated. Of late, Mr. Ferry made no long speeches, but in his brief addresses to the Senate it seems to me that, in real eloquence, such as touched the heart and convinced the judgment, he had no equal in the Senate."

IN Baltimore, the other day, Mayor Latrobe, of that city, gave a dinner to the escort of the Vice President's remains, in the grand saloon of the City Hall. Frederick Douglass was one of the escort, and he was observed to be alone. Chief Justice George William Brown thereupon offered Mr. Douglass his arm, escorted him to the table, and personally assisted to serve him with food. This gentleman was Mayor of Baltimore in 1861, and when the Massachusetts regiment marched through that city on its way to the front, he walked at the head of it and braved the peril of the outrageous attack which ensued. Mr. Brown has again shown himself to be a brave man, and this time he will be rewarded with the increased respect of all sincere persons.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

CARPETS are bought by the yard and worn by the feet.

WHY is coal the most contradictory article known to commerce? Because when purchased it goes to the cellar.

ONE thousand barrels of white fish and salmon trout have been seized by the Government authorities at Owen Sound, Can., for having been caught during the closed season.

THE Republican State Committee of New Hampshire on Tuesday night decided to hold a State Convention January 5, and adopted resolutions of respect to the late Vice President.

THE Philadelphia navy yard was sold on Thursday for $1,060,000. The purchaser was J. Lowber Welsh, who bought it for John C. Bullitt, attorney, for parties whose names he refused to divulge.

ON Tuesday evening the boiler of a portable engine belonging to William Nelson, New Harmony, Indiana, exploed, instantly killing Thomas Nelson, engineer, Solomon Enlow, sawyer, and badly scalding several other workmen.

THE last official reports give the following as an aggregate of the strength of the militia of the United States: Organized, 84,724; unorganized, 4,701,977; and there is little doubt that were arms and military equipments more freely supplied, organized forces would be greatly encouraged.

IN New York, on Wednesday night, Patrick Toury saturated the clothing of his wife with kerosene oil and set it on fire. The screams of the woman brought the inmates of the house to her rescue, and the flames were extinguished. She was terribly burned, however, and is not expected to live.

AT Whitehall, N. Y., recently, after a wedding, the bridegroom handed the clergyman what he supposed was a ten dollar bill, but which was really a hundred dollar bill. On the following day he discovered his mistake and telegraphed the fact to the clergyman, who, however, was unable to rectify the error, as he had joyously hastened as soon as he had received his fee to liquidate a long-standing debt.

THE Esquimaux have an ingenious way of killing bears. They sharpen the ends of a piece of whalebone, a foot or more long, then bend it double, and wrap it closely in fat meat, which is exposed to the air till it freezes. These treacherous pellets are thrown to the bear, which bolts them whole. They thaw in his stomach, the bent whalebone straightens, and the sharp points pierce his vitals whenever he attempts to move.

THE conviction in London of Henry Wainwright for the murder of Harriet Lane, which he committed with great secrecy more than a year ago, is a remarkable instance of the success of justice in penetrating the mysteries of crime. When he was arrested last July, the possibility of proving his guilt seemed very slight. Gradually, however, the prosecution discovered circumstances which made it evident that he was a murderer. The result of the trial will be encouraging to officials dealing with complicated cases of crime everywhere.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

A SPRINGFIELD (Mass.) dispatch states that the Rowing Association of the American colleges voted to challenge Oxford and Cambridge, of England, and Trinity, of Dublin, to row them a six-oared race, without coxswain, at the American College Regatta in 1876. The time is the third Wednesday in July, and the place Saratoga, New London, or Springfield. Philadelphia, which has been proposed, is out of the question. The New England Colleges are anti-Saratoga, it being between Springfield and New London. All the other Colleges are for Saratoga. Thos. Hughes, of England, was elected referee, with Mr. Chitty, of the London Rowing Club, as alternate.

STATE BREVITIES.

STONEBORO is to have a new Catholic church, to cost $3,000.

A NEW cement mine has been opend at Milesburg, Centre county, and reveals an exhaustible quantity of the ore.

THE new water works at Clarion are about completed. The water is taken from the Clarion river, and is undoubtedly a good article.

IN Kennet, Chester county, there is a house at least one hundred and fifty years old, and only until within a few days has the gas from anthracite coal ascended its broad chimney. Send it to the Centennial.

MERCER is to have a skating rink. A portion of the fair grounds are so situated as to admit of being overflowed, and an association is being formed to see that the overflowing is done in a systematic manner.

THE officers and employes of the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad in Meadville have organized a Reading Room Association, and will open soon a large, handsome room on the north side of the depot.

A MAN named Keough, a resident of Sharon, was found dead in the street near the foot of Jennyburg Hill, in that place, on Monday morning. As he was addicted to drink, it is supposed that his death resulted from intemperance.

A FAIRVIEW correspondent of the *Cosmopolite*, says a "Mr. George Riddle, who is 62 years old, pulled the tops and dug 100 bushels of late rose potatoes in half a day. The potatoes were measured by Mr. McCully, to whom they belonged."

WEST ALEXANDER, Washington county, the "Gretna Greene" of Pennsylvania, has heard more hymenial song sung than any other town in this section of the country. J. G. Mays, Esq., during his term of office, has united in marriage 990 couple.

THE remains of "Commodore" James Stewart, a funny old colored man of Erie, was buried recently. Mrs. Senator Lowry once gave him half a dollar to kill a cat. He shaved the feline and sold it as a "Rocky mountain cat" to the Senator for ten dollars.

THE publisher of the Girard *Cosmopolite*, noticing that prayers have been requested at Moody and Sankey's meetings for various classes of hardened sinners, says he is preparing to send on a list of his delinquent subscribers, as some of them seem beyond all human influence.

THE great iron king of Catassaqua, David Thomas, recently turned the eighty-first milestone in his life's journey. He has filled the measure of his days, since boyhood, by living out his existence in a very industrious manner, and is still a hale and hearty old gentleman.

A LATROBE gentleman, who examined the official record in a family Bible, says that Mrs. Casterwilder, who died in Westmoreland county the other day, was one hundred and fourteen years of age at the date of her demise. She could lay claim to being older than the United States—and that's saying a great deal in these degenerate days, when people don't last as long as they used to.

A NUMBER of the citizens of Little Washington have been taking the census of the borough, and the result of the movement gives the town and suburbs on the 9th of November, a population of 4,963. In 1850 the population was 2,602, in 1860, 3,587, and in 1870, 3,571. The increase since 1870 is 1,393. This is certainly a very satisfactory result, and shows a healthy condition in "Little Washington."

TO ADD to the further depression of the lumber business of this section, there has been no rise in the Clarion river for the entire season. As a consequence, the logs are scattered along the stream, and the mills that are in operation, find it difficult to keep up their stock. Upon the labor usually afforded during the fall season, of floating these logs to the mills, from the Clarion and its tributaries, a large number of people are dependent to more or less extent for their subsistence during the winter season. This deprivation is keenly felt by many throughout the lumber country.

MISS HATTIE HUMPHREY, daughter of Mr. Roland Humphrey, of Cambria township, while assisting her mother to prepare supper one evening recently, complained of a severe pain in her head, and on the advice of her mother seated herself in a chair, when she was seized with deathly illness, and after giving vent to an agonizing scream, relapsed into unconsciousness, in which condition she remained until the following day, when death put an end to her sufferings. The deceased was sixteen or seventeen years of age, and was of rather a delicate constitution.

ONE day last week a colored woman named Wilson, living in the eastern end of West Chester, went out washing, and left an eight year old sister in charge of the baby, aged six months. The latter was fretful and cross, so its youthful guardian gave it three teaspoonfuls of laudanum to put to sleep and thus keep it quiet. She succeeded admirably—the little one has not made any noise since, and because of its suddenly becoming quiet the youthful pacifier in her alarm sent for her mother, who, in turn, sent for a physician, but he could do nothing, and the little thing died at four o'clock in the afternoon, about five hours after the laudanum was given it.

WM. BOGGS was killed on the Moffat farm, near Oil City, lately. Boggs, in company with four other workmen, was engaged in preparing a well for drilling. The sinker bar, a piece of iron weighing 250 pounds, had been placed on top of the derrick shanty, with one end resting against the derrick, on the side nearest the bull wheel. Boggs was standing by the bull guiding the rope, when, without the slightest warning, the sinker bar fell, striking Boggs on the side of the head. The force of the blow was fearful, and the man was knocked insensible, though, strange to say, not instantly killed. Medical assistance was called from Oil City, but before it reached the place the man was dead. Boggs was a single man, a resident of Petroleum Centre.

The Singer Will Case.

At the opening of Surrogate Coffin's Court, at White Plains, New York, on Tuesday, Mr. Van Pelt stated the witness whom he expected to put on the stand had not arrived, and in consequence of the severity of the weather he had concluded not to require her attendance in this matter, therefore his case might be considered as closed, with the exception of reserving his right to introduce in evidence the decree of divorce granted Mr. Singer from his wife Catharine Maria Haley in January, 1860; also the family group picture before referred to, which was not opposed by counsel for proponent and others. On the other hand, counsel for contestant admitted the marriage of Mr. Singer to Catharine Maria Haley on the 6th day of January, 1839, at Palmyra, N. Y., by Frederick Smythe, a Justice of the Peace. Counsel for proponent and others then stated that they also had been somewhat unfortunate in the attendance of their witnesses, and after a consultation with counsel on the other side, it was mutually agreed to rest the case on both sides, the counsel of the contestant reserving the right to introduce the decree of divorce and the family group picture, while they proposed to prove the marriage of Mr. Singer on the 13th day of January, 1863, to Isabella Eugenia ——, by Rev. Edwin R. T. Cooke, Rector of St. John the Evangelist Church, in Hammond street, New York. Counsel for contestant said that he was willing to admit the ceremony of marriage in question, which would be perfectly legal except for this prior marriage to contestant. The hearing of the arguments of counsel in the case was then set down for Friday, December 17. There was a rumor current some days since that Mr. Charles O'Conor would sum up for the defence; but the present illness of that gentleman will doubtless prevent him from appearing on the day named.

The Virginius "A Good Prize."

The following editorial article appeared in the Spanished newspaper *El Cronista*, published in New York, on the 30th ult., which some people accept as a reason for the unusual activity of the Navy Department at present: "We see by the latest newspapers from Madrid that the Council of State has given its decision in regard to the capture of the Virginius, declaring that it was a good prize, and that the Government had a right to exact the return of that vessel by the Government of the United States, and as that could not be done on account of the vessel having sunk after it went into the hands of the American authorities, the Spanish Government had a right to claim her value. We believe, in view of this decision, that our Government will at once claim from the Government at Washington the value of the vessel, and that the Government will hasten to hand it over with the same alacrity as was shown by us in this respect to the $80,000 which was given for the survivors of the crew of the pirate vessel."

Another Foolish Girl.

The recent tragedy at Belchertown, Mass., when two romantic school girls took poison and one of them died, has just been imitated by a young schoolmate. A traveling photographer came there several weeks ago, and stayed until last week with his wheeled car. He was patronized by the school girls, and, being young, good looking, and inclined to flirt, some of them paid him a special meal of attention. After he had gone away, May Hager told some of the other girls that she was hopelessly in love with him, that he had departed without giving her any hope of requited affection, and that she was going to kill herself as Nettie Barrett had done. That night she drank a bottle of poisonous ink, and expected to die, but a doctor used a stomach pump in frustration of her design. May is fourteen years old, bright and intelligent, and the daughter of a Boston lawyer. She has been sent home.

SWEET, RESTFUL HOME.

A "Cotter's Saturday Night" in Danbury.

It is Saturday night—the dear close of a tossing, struggling, restless week. To-morrow is the Sabbath—when all labor and care are held in abeyance. Saturday night stands like a rock before the day of rest, and says to toil and worry: "Thus far shalt thou come, and no farther." Blessed Saturday night. The wearied husband and father approaches his home. He looks ahead and sees the light streaming in cheerful radiance from the windows, and wonders if that boy has got in the kindlings. He steps up on the stoop and opens the door. His faithful wife meets him at the entrance and greets him with, "Why on earth don't you clean your feet, and not lug the house full of mud?" And thus he steps into the bosom of his family, grateful for the mercies he has received, and thankful that he has a home to come to when the worry and care and toil of the week are done. Yes, he is home now, and has set his dinner-pail on one chair and laid his coat and hat on another, and with his eyes full of soap from the wash, is shouting imputuously for the towel. Saturday night in the household! What a beautiful sight! The bright light, the cheerful figured carpet, the radiant stove, the neatly laid table, with the steaming teapot, the pictures on the walls, the spotless curtains, the purring cat and bright-eyed children rubbing the plates with their fingers and looking hungrily at the canned cherries. Even the weary wife is visibly affected, and, as she steps to a closet with his hat and coat, she unconsciously observes to her husband:

"Will you never learn to hang your things up? or do you think I've got nothin' else to do but chase after you all the while you are in the house?

He makes no reply, but as he drops into his seat at the table, with a sigh of relief, he says:

"What's the matter with that infernal lamp? Is the oil all out, or ain't the chimney been cleaned? It don't give no more light than a fire-bug."

"Turn it up, then," she retorts. "It was right enough when I put it on the table, but I suppose the children have been fooling with it. They never can keep their hands out of mischief for an instant."

"I'll fool 'em," he growls, "if they don't keep their fingers off'n things."

After this sally a silence reigns, broken only by a rustling of plates and cutlery. Then comes a whisper from one of the youth, which is promptly met in a loud key by the mother:

"Not another mouthful, I tell you. You have had one dish already, and that's enough. I ain't going to be up all night wrastling around with you, young woman; and the quicker you straighten that face the better it'll be for you."

The offender looks with abashed inquiry into the faces of her brothers and sisters, and gradually steals a glance into the face of her father, and finding no sympathy there, falls to making surreptitious grimaces at the mother, to the relief of herself and the intense edification of the other children.

The tea is finally over, that delightful Saturday night's meal, and as the appeased father stretches back in his chair, and looks dreamily at the flame dancing in the stove, he says to his first born:

"Is them kindlings cut, young man?"

Of course they have not been, and the youth replies:

"I'm going right out to do it now," and steps about livejy for his hat.

"You'd better; and if I come home again and find them kindlings not cut, I won't leave a whole bone in your body. Do you hear me?"

"Yes, pa."

"Well, then, start your boots."

They are started, and the relieved father comes back with his eyes to the glad flame, and watches it abstractly, while his thoughts are busy with the bright anticipations of the coming day of rest.

"Ain't you going down street or are you going to sit there all night?" asks his wife. He turns around and looks at her. It's a sort of mechanical movement without any apparent expression. "There's got to be something got for dinner to-morrow, and I want you to go down an' see if my hat is done, an' Thomas must have a pair of shoes, an' there ain't a bit of blacking in the house," resumes the mother. "You can tell Burroughs that that last butter he sent up ain't fit for a hog to eat, and if he ain't got anything better than that we don't want it. You'd better get a small piece of pork while you are down, an' if you see Parks ask him when he's coming here to fix that wall. He has got the plaster off, an' there it stands, an' there's no use of trying to put the room to rights until the wall is fixed. I don't see what the old fool is thinking of to leave a room like that."

Hereupon the head of the house gets upon his feet, takes a brief, longing glance at the pleasant stove, and wants to know where in the thunder his coat and hat are, and if nothing can be left where it is put. Then she tells him that if he looks where he ought to he'd find the things fast enough. He does find them, and then goes into the kitchen, and a moment later appears with a very red face, and passionately asks if a basket can be had in the house for five minutes at a time, and moodily follows his wife to where the basket is, and looks still moody when he is brought face to face with it, and sarcastically asked if he could see a barn if it was in front of his nose. Thus primed with the invigorating utterances of the home circle, he takes up his basket and goes down the street, leaving his faithful wife to stand as a wall of granite between the children and the canned cherries, and to finish up the work.

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Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, December 3, 1875.

Yesterday was a mild, pleasant day, entirely favorable to business in every way. Matters have settled down into a regular order, and even favorable weather makes no material change in the current and volume of business. The business of the banks was without any new features of importance. There was a quiet demand from all sources for accommodations, but it was not noticeable, either for amount or for any new points. The mercantile trade of the city has, of course, passed its busiest stage for the Fall season. The country is still asking for considerable amounts of currency and discounts. What negotiable paper is offering is mainly of good quality, and is readily taken by the banks. The loan market is moving toward greater ease, and there is little prospect of any change in the opposite direction for some time to come.

The reports for October to the Comptroller of the Currency show that Pittsburgh outranks the most important cities in the West in the amount of its National banking capital. The following is a tabular statement showing the *status* of nine leading cities in this respect:

Cities.	*Capital.*	*Loans and discounts*	*Deposits.*
Chicago	$ 7,600,000	$25,861,602	$20,658,772
St. Louis	6,500,000	9,217,725	8,582,004
Cincinnati	4,000,000	13,106,021	12,105,682
Cleveland	4,850,000	8,297,581	5,210,408
Pittsburgh	10,370,103	5,699,933	14,789,691
Milwaukee	2,650,000	2,962,527	2,726,198
St. Paul	1,800,000	3,305,312	2,976,681
Louisville	2,695,000	4,891,664	3,985,209
Detroit	1,800,000	3,405,074	4,488,451

Says the Chicago *Inter-Ocean* of business in that city: Trade and finances in this market are running very smoothly and evenly. There is a fair order trade yet in the jobbing departments, and in the line of holiday and fancy goods there is considerable more activity than a week ago. The pork-packing business does not yet assume the proportions of this time last year, for the reason that the packers do not feel so confident about the future of prices. The low price of wheat is also an unfavorable feature. But on the whole the condition of the West is so encouraging as compared with the East that there seems little cause of complaint here. The jobbers have not only had an unusually large trade all the fall, but they say that all their country merchant customers feel and talk cheerfully, and pay promptly. Notwithstanding these encouraging features here in the West, the general disposition throughout the United States to economize and to go cautiously in all sorts of business puts a damper on enterprise and speculation.

The Supreme Court of the United States has recently made two decisions touching the duty of banks to surrender property and bills of lading upon the acceptance of time drafts by the consignee. In these two decisions there is a seeming conflict, which will leave bankers in considerable doubt as to the proper course for them to pursue in such cases.

What seems to be the conflicting element in the two cases is that in one case the Court held that the acceptance of a time draft gave the vender a complete contract for payment, and that the bank would have no right to interfere with this by holding the property from the consignee. This would have an additional force if the property was perishable. But in the other case the decision was that Dows & Co. was sustained and a verdict given against them on the ground that the bank at Watertown *had* delivered the grain upon the payment of the sight and the acceptance of the time drafts. And yet the penalty for this is made to fall on Dows & Co., who were not supposed to be cognizant of any of these circumstances.

Robinson Brothers, Bankers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

Gold	114½	5-20's 1863—coupons	122¾
U. S. 6's, 1881, ecup.	123¾	10-40's	117¾
" 1864	116¾	Currency 6's	122
" 1865	116½	New 5 per cents	114¾
" 1865, new	117¼	10-40's—coupons	117¾
6-20's 1867	122¾		

RAILWAYS.

N. Y. Cen	105½	Ohio & Mississippi	17¾
Erie	15¾	Union Pacific	89
R. I.	93¾	Toledo & Wabash	23
C. C. & I. C.	4¾	Harlem	122½
St. Paul	35¾	Adams Express	102
Do. Pref	65¾	American Express	60½
Michigan Southern	59¾	U. S. Express	51
Do. Com 5 p ct	75	Fargo & Co	95
North Western Com	39	Quicksilver	17¾
Do. Pref	63¾	Fort Wayne	98
Rock Island	105¾	Hannibal & St. Jo	21¾
Cleve. & Pitts	90¾	Panama	125
Pacific Mail	41¾	Iron Mountain	12
Western Union	75¾		

Robinson Brothers furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board:

P. R. R. (S)	51	Cen. Trans (B)	46¾
Reading	55¾	Empire (B)	51
U. Cos. of N. J. (B)	135	P. R. R. 7-30 (S)	94
Oil Creek (S)	10½	P. C. & St. L. 7's (S)	75½
Lehigh Valley (B)	51¾		

Pittsburgh and Connellsville 7s 94¾ bid—94¾ asked in Baltimore market.

NEW YORK, December 2, 1875.

Money 5@6; prime mercantile paper 5½@8. The customs receipts were $210,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $1,230,000. The clearings were $39,000,000. Sterling was quiet at 483¾@488. Gold opened and closed at 114⅞. This was the lowest price, the highest having been 115¼. The rates paid for carrying were 3, 4, 2, 2¼, and 1 per cent. Loans were also made flat. Governments were firm on small business. Railroad bonds were firm and higher. Chicago and Northwestern consolidated coupon gold bonds advanced to 84, ex. dividend. Milwaukee & St. Paul consolidated sinking funds to 81¾, and Michigan Central seven's to 101. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 8s brought 118, Harlem regular firsts 113, Central Pacific's 106¾, Union Pacific firsts 105, and sinking funds 94¾. State bonds were steady.

The *Commercial* says the Messrs. Rothschild advise by cable to-day the withdrawal of all the new syndicate 5 per cents from the New York market. They look for better rates abroad for the unsold remnant of this loan.

Stocks opened strong and higher, with an advance of ¼@1¼ per cent., the latter Michigan Central. Subsequently there was a decline of ½ to ¾, but at the close the market was strong and higher, with a recovery of ¼ to 1 per cent, from the lowest point of the afternoon. Lake Shore advanced to 59¾, Michigan Central to 59½, Northwest common to 39, preferred to 54. St. Paul to 35½, Pacific Mail to 41¾, Western Union to 75½, Hannibal & St. Joe common to 21¾ and the preferred to 26½. Union Pacific closed steady at 89@89½. Ohios recovered to 17.

The traffic on leading lines of railroads show a large gain for November. The St. Paul road gained $209,009 for the month, while Northwest showed an increase of $80,000 for the fourth week, and $153,000 for the month. The traffic on the Union Pacific for November was very heavy, and nearly all the western roads show an improvement.

The transactions on the Stock Exchange aggregated 153,000 shares, of which 26,000 were Pacific Mail, 25,000 Western Union, 4,000 Northwest common, 2,000 St. Paul common, 2,000 preferred, 3,000 Erie, 3,000 St. Joe, 59,000 Lake Shore, 4,000 Ohios, 4,000 Union Pacific, and 7,600 Michigan Central.

Governments.—U. S. coupons of 1881, 123¾; 5-20s of '65, 116¾; do new, 120¾; do of '67, 122¾; do of '68, 122¾; new 5s, 117¾; 10-40s, 117¼; do coupons, 117¾; currency 6s, 122.

State Bonds.—Tennessee, old, 46; do new, 44¼; Virginia, new, 38; do old, 38; Missouri 6s, 102¾.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph, 75¾; Pacific Mail, 41; Adams Express, 102; Fargo Express, 82; American Express, 60; United States Express, 51; New York Central, 105¾; Erie, 15¾; do preferred, 25; Harlem, 132½; do preferred, 132; Michigan Central, 59¾; Lake Shore, 59¾; Union Pacific, 89; Illinois Central, 99½; Pittsburgh, 90; Northwest common, 39; do preferred, 52; New Jersey Central, 104½; Rock Island, 105¾; St. Paul, 35½; do preferred, 65¾; Toledo & Wabash, 5; do preferred, 7; Fort Wayne, 98½; Terre Haute, 5; do preferred, 19½; Chicago & Alton, 98; do preferred, 105; Ohio & Mississippi, 17½; Indiana Central, 4½; Burlington & Quincy, 114½; Hannibal & St. Joe, 21; Delaware & Lackawanna, 119½; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph, 18½; Central Pacific, 106½; Union, 105.

LONDON, December 2—5 P. M.—The setting day at the Stock Exchange yesterday brought forth rather more than the usual number of failures. The largest was that of Braggiotte Bros., stock and share brokers. Their liabilities are estimated at $350,000. There were five other failures of less importance. The bullion in the Bank of England increased £116,000 the past week. The amount withdrawn on balance to-day was £622,000. The proportion of reserve to liability is now 39½ per cent. Consols: money 93 7-16; account 93 9-16; 5-20s of '65, 108¾; do of '67, 109¾; 10-40s, 105¼; new 5s, 104¾; New York Central, 96; Erie, 14¾; do preferred, 29.

PARIS, December 2.—Rentes 66f 20c. The specie in the Bank of France has increased 2,278,000 francs during the past week.

FRANKFORT, December 2.—U. S. new 5s, 99¾.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

DAILY REPORT OF PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, Dec. 3, 1875.

The general market remains in much the same condition as noted for some time past, and no immediate improvement is looked for. The Boston *Globe*, in commenting on the business outlook, very pertinently says: "Philosophizing on the general commercial situation, it is universally recognized on both sides of the Atlantic that the retrenchment and economy that have been going on the last two years, were absolutely necessary to bring trade back to a healthy condition. On this point it has been remarked that the causes for depression which surround us are simply incidents of the struggle to part company with a state of things no longer tolerable, and to shape for ourselves new conditions under which our natural development may go on without artificial hindrance. The enforcing of more conservative rules in business, the cessation of extravagant expenditures, the collapse of imprudent speculations, and the contraction of inflated values, are all necessary processes, however much temporary distress they may entail. No one need despair of the future of the country who has seen how resolutely our people have set about effecting the changes demanded by a transition period like this, and how decidedly the vast majority of them have rejected the dishonorable expedients proposed to them of shirking the inevitable sacrifices that such a period requires."

APPLES—The market is firmer, under the influence of diminished receipts, but prices remain as last reported. $3.50 per barrel, in a jobbing way, for fair to choice.

APPLE BUTTER—70a75c per gallon.

BEANS—Market continues very dull, but prices have undergone no change for some days; prime are quoted at $1.50 to $1.55 per bu. It is said that medium cannot be laid down here from Detroit at quotations.

BUTTER—There is a continued steady demand for prime table Butter, but low grades continue dull, with the market overstocked. Sales of prime to choice rolls at 28a30c; medium to good, 20a25c; common, 12 a15. A New York paper, of Wednesday, reports that a moderate demand for best State for family use and the grocer trade, but all other kinds are very dull and prices weak. Shippers are doing very little, wanting better qualities and lower rates than they have been paying. They might take moderate quantities at 20a21c. The market continues in an unsatisfactory state, with no immediate prospect of improvement. One nice lot of Chicago has sold at 28c, and a few selections of half tubs at 35c, and a lot of Welsh at 32. A parcel of 23 packages fair Ohio sold at 24c, and 25 of Illinois at 26c, with a car of Kansas at 18c, and some western roll at 25c.

BROOMS—No. 2 common, $2,25; No. 3 hurl, $2,50; No. 4 hurl, $3,00; No. 5 hurl, $3,25; No. 6 hurl, $3,50; No. 3 carpet, $3,75; No. 4 carpet, $4,00; No. 5 carpet, $4,25; Steamboat, $3,75; toy, $1,50; whisks, $1,50a 2,00 per doz.

CRANBERIES—$10a11 per bbl.

CIDER—Is quoted at 18a20c per gallon; no change to packages.

CHEESE—The market continues dull, but prices remain unchanged. Prime Ohio Factory, 13a13½ cents for August, and 13½a14c for September make. New York Goshen, 14½c. New York paper, of Wednesday, says: While receipts are very heavy the cable shows a decline of prices abroad, hence shippers operate very cautiously, leaving a somewhat heavy stock on the market. The home trade is also buying sparingly. The market was depressed yesterday, both at Little Falls and Utica, where trade is about discontinued for the season. We have not changed the time when low grades and skims sell with such difficulty. It takes exceptionally fine cheese to exceed quotations, and then only in a sort of small way.

EGGS—The market is quiet, but there is no change in prices. Fresh quoted at 28a 29 cents, and pickled, 23a26c, according to brand.

FLOUR—The market is devoid of a single new feature deserving of special notice; demand fair, prices weak but unchanged. New winter wheat flour, $6,25a$6,75; old do, $7,00a7,25; Spring wheat flour, $6,50a7,00, the outside figure for choice Minnesotas. Rye Flour, $5,25a5,50. Buckwheat Flour, 2½a3c per pound.

GROCERIES—Our latest and most reliable advices from the east report that while Coffee is strong, the extreme view of importers is curtailing business, and jobbers, as a rule, in view of the general shrinkage in values, are not inclined to stock up largely with Coffee or anything else. Sugars are steady, with a fair trade, and the same is true of Molasses. Our merchants do not expect to do much until next month.

SUGARS.

Cut Loaf	12¾	Standard B	10¾
Crushed	11¾	Standard Ex C	10¾
Granulated	11	Refined Yellows	9½
Powdered	11¾	N. O. new crop	8½@9½
Standard A	10¾		

COFFEES.

Fancy Rio	28	R. Rio, lb pkgs	29
Prime Rio	24½@25	R. Rio, loose	28
Good Rio	22 @23	Roasted Java	40
Old Gov. Java	33		

SYRUPS.

Choice	70 @75	Fair	55 @60
Prime	65 @70	Dark	45 @50

MOLASSES.

N.O. choice	76	N. O. strictly prime	68
N.O. prime	70	Demarara	50@55

RICE.

Carolina	5½	Rangoon	7½

GRAIN—There is no improvement to report in the grain trade, nor is it likely that there will be during the remainder of this year. Ohio and Penna. red Wheat is quoted $1,20a1,30 for fair to prime new and $1,40a1,45 for old red; new white, $1,30a 1,40 for fair to prime. There is more inquiry for red than white and only a small trade either unless it is good. The Oat market is steady at former quotations; Penna. and Ohio mixed, 37a39c; ditto white, 40a41c. Old Shelled Corn is 65a67c for mixed to prime yellow; old Ear Corn, 66a68, on track; new ear, 45a50c. Rye quiet and nominal at 80a85 cents. Barley is also dull, and ranges with the way from $1a1,25, according to quality and condition.

HAY—The market for baled is steady; upland prairie, $12a14; No. 2 timothy, $17 18; No. 1 ditto, $19a20. Strictly prime timothy is reported in big demand at $20.

ONIONS—Continue very dull; $1,50a2,00 per bbl. in a retail way; it would be difficult to dispose of a round lot at any price.

POTATOES—The receipts are only fairly fair, but the supply is pretty well up to the demand and prices have undergone no change; Peach Blows, on track, 40a45c; per bushel; Peerless and Early Rose, 35a38c. Reds, 40a42c.

POULTRY—Live Chickens, 4½a5c per pair; dressed, 12a13c per pound; do. Ducks, 13a14; do. Turkeys, 15a16c.

RAGS—Good mixed, 2½a3c.

SEEDS—Nothing doing.

TALLOW—City Rendered, 9¾a10c.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, December 2, 1875.

The market for both Crude and Refined was firmer, and, as compared with yesterday, prices were higher. Crude was quoted late this afternoon at $1,35 for Conduit and United certificates; sales of barge oil, delivered here, at $1,72½—later it was held at $1,75. Refined also firmer and higher—11¾c bid, delivered in Philadelphia and 9½ a9¾c on cars here—the inside figure bid. The foreign news is better.

On and after January 1 freight on refined oil, from here to the seaboard, will be advanced 12½c per bbl.

Oil Barrels dull, but nominally unchanged at $1,18 for countries, and $1,25 for city make.

RECEIPTS OF CRUDE OIL PER A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
J. Fisher	Riverside o w	80
J. J. Fisher	Citizens o w	75
Total		155

Cotton.

NEW YORK, December 2.—Cotton steady at 13½c; futures closed dull; sales 14,000 bales; December 13 1-16c; January 13¾a 13 5-32c; February 13 5-16a13 11-32c; Michigan 13 17-32a17 9-16c; April 13 23-32a13¾c; May 13 29-32a13 15-16c; June 14 5-31a14½c.

NEW ORLEANS, December 2.—Cotton: demand good; sales 9,000 bales; prices generally steady, quotations unchanged; receipts net 6,157; gross 6,860; exports continent 27; stock 167,592.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, December 2, 1875.

ARRIVALS.

Following shows the receipts of live stock at these yards during the week ending at noon to-day.

Cattle.

	Through.	Local.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Friday	98 cars.	— cars.	18 cars.	3 car.
Saturday	— "	1 "	14 "	4 "
Sunday	18 "	14 "	26 "	6 "
Monday	10 "	7 "	16 "	2 "
Tuesday	12 "	60 "	35 "	18 "
Wednesday	— "	61 "	22 "	10 "
Thursday	4 "	9 "	22 "	6 "
Total	140	152	153	50

CATTLE.

The arrivals during the past week were again comparatively light, and mostly common in point of quality; the market was more active and there was a firmer feeling in all grades, but with the exception of prime stock, of which the supply was unequal to the demand, there was no quotable change in prices. Salesmen quoted an advance of an ¼ to a ¼ on the best grades—there was nothing sold above 6,40, and only one bunch at that, but it was because it was the only one of the kind on sale. A few cars of really choice beeves would have sold readily at 6½, perhaps 6¾, to go to New York, but common and medium, while more active, did not bring any advance. The demand for light 700a800 steers, better known as stockers, has been falling off for some weeks past, as it nearly always does at this particular time, but good feeding cattle continue to sell readily, and that, too, at full prices.

There were 65 cars purchased this week to go to Philadelphia, 18 cars to New York, 37 cars by country buyers and 18 cars by local butchers, both Philadelphia and New York bought more cattle this week than last, and buyers for the latter point would have bought more than they did had they been able to obtain the kind they wanted. The New York market has been reported better almost every day this week, and this, as might be expected, was not without its influence here.

QUOTATIONS.

Extra 1,400a1,500 steers	$6,25a6,50
Prime 1,200a1,300 steers	6,25a6,75
Good 1,100a1,200 steers	6,00a6,00
Fair 1,000a1,100 steers	4,00a4,50
Common 900a1,000 steers	3,50a4,00
Stockers and Feeders	3,00a3,50
Bulls, Cows and Stags	2,50a3,00
Texas	3,00a4,50

THE CATTLE OUTLOOK FROM A NEW YORK STAND-POINT.

The following is from the New York *World*: The statement of receipts for the five weeks ending in November shows a total of 45,000 head, an average of 9,000 per week, whereas the average per week for the five weeks ending in November of last year was 6,852. With respect to the prospect for the near future the more experienced and well informed dealers are not prepared to express an opinion. A recent shipment of dressed beef to Liverpool by one of the leading operators here was so far successful that preparations are making for larger ventures in the same direction, and a steamship company doing business between New York and Liverpool is to try the experiment of shipping fresh meat to England in (a sort of refrigerator) having a capacity of 100,000 pounds. Should this experiment prove to be successful, there will be an outlet for a large part of the surplus beef and mutton produced in this country, and the high figures which have ruled for the last two years may be maintained for two years or more longer, or until the increased demand shall be met by an increased production. At present there is no question but the supply of beef in this country is larger than the demand calls for at prices which have been maintained of late by the management and strength of the cattle-shipping interest.

It is reported in New York that Morris, Waixel & Co. have just closed a lease of the Weehawken Stock Yards and abattoir for a term of years.

HOGS.

The run during the present week was comparatively light, and, as has been the case for some time past, rather common in point of quality; but with only a moderate demand trade has been rather sluggish and prices barely maintained. Had the arrivals been at all liberal, as they usually are at this particular time, a decline would doubtless have taken place, as the feeling very generally prevails that this class of stock is entirely too high, and that a decline is only a question of time, hence buyers are taking hold sparingly, and then, increased receipts and lower rates at Chicago, within the past two or three days, has had its effect. Our latest advices from the main packing centres report that packers are operating very cautiously—working altogether on orders; it is also stated that hogs are relatively higher than the products, and this with general shrinkage in values, together with other causes which reference has previously been made in the GAZETTE, leads to the belief, that the prices of hogs are destined to rule lower.

QUOTATIONS.

Philadelphia hogs	7,50a7,75
Yorkers	7,00a7,20
Rough mixed stock	6,00a6,50

SHEEP.

The "run" for the week was the lightest we have had to record for some time, but with a corresponding falling off in the demand, trade was dull, and prices no better than last week. Common sheep continue dull, as they nearly always are at this season of the year, and we would advise those of our country readers who can do so, to hold back this kind of stock, as they are satisfied to accept very low prices; but the indication are that there will be a very fair demand for good fat sheep, notwithstanding the market has been rather unfavorable this week.

QUOTATIONS.

Extra, 100a110 lbs	$5,20a5,40
Prime, 90a95 lbs	4,75a5,00
Good, 80a85 lbs	4,25a4,50
Fair, 75a80 lbs	3,75a4,00
Common, 70a75 lbs	3,25a3,50
Indianas, according to quality	3,50a5,25

PITTSBURGH DRUG MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, Dec. 2, 1875.

Corrected by HARNAS & EWING, Wholesale Druggists, corner Liberty and Tenth streets.

Acac., sorts	20a 30	Oil, Anise	$4.00a4.20
2d select	40a 50	Bergam	5.50 6.00
1st select	50a 60	Cassia	2.90a3.00
Acid, Citric	1.10a1.15	Castor	16 a19
Oxalic	17a 20	Lemon	4.75a5.00
Tartaric	45a 50	Linseed	60
Alcohol	2.3a2.50	Linseed	65a70
Alum, carpe	1½a 2½	Neatsfoot	90a1.05
A Barb	40a 50	Olive	1.25a2.00
Soot	—	Opia	6.25a6.50
Alum	3¾a 4½	Opia	6.25a3.50
Amm., Aq	8a 12	Orange	4.00
Carb	22a 24	Origanum	70a1.20
Arnica, Flor	20a 22	Peppermint	2.25
Asafœtida	30a 37	Peppermint	5.50
Bals. Copaib	45a1.00	Sassafras	85a90
Canada	75a 80	Wintergr'n	4.00a4.50
Bay Rum	2.75a4.00	Pot. Bi Carb	33
Bi, Sub carb	2.75a3.00	Bi Chrom	24a28
Sub nitr	2.50a2.75	Bromide	65a 75
Blue Mass	78	Chlorate	20a 27
Vivrit	12a 15	Iodid	2.15a3.40
Borax, ref'd	18a 18	Prussiate	2.20a2.40
Brim., Roll	4a 5½	Root, Gent	12
Flor, sulp	4½a 5	Gin. F. I	15
Buchu	15a 25	Gin. Ger	28a30
Calomel Am	1.37	Ipecac F	1.35
Camphor ref	28a 29	Jalap P	40
Canwood	8a 9	Rhubarb	1.00a1.50
Chamo. Ger	60	Do Pow	1.00a1.50
Cinch	36a 40	Sarsaparilla	50
Chlorid Hyd	1.80	Sar. Mex	28
Chlorofor	1.10a1.25	Senega	1.20
Cinchc. Pale	70a 80	Spirits N	45
Yellow	25a 40	Val. Eng	38
Cornmeal	6a 8	Ger	25
Copperas	2a 3	Saffron Am	60a1.00
Cream Tar	45a 50	Sal Ammon	14a 16
Cubebs	13a 20	Epsom	2a 4
Dover's Pwd	1.65a1.75	Glauber	2½a 4
Emery	9a 10	Rochelle	38
Ether, Nit	48a 50	Soda	2a 8½
Sul	75a 80	Seed, Can'y	19
Ext, Log'wd	10a14	Cardam	2.50
Liqu. Cal	35a 45	Hemp	7½a 8
Flo	24a 30	Mustard	8a 10
Fustic	12a 15	Senna, Alex	17a 22
Glycer. Pure	20a 30	Tinnev	12a 15
Gamboge	65a 75	Shellac	68a 75
Indigo, Man	1.00a1.20	Soap, Castile	11a 14
S. F. I	1.10a1.25	White	18a 21
Iodine	4.25a4.40	Soda Ash	3½
Iodoform	85 oz	Bi Carb	3a 6
Juniper Ber	7a 9	Strych. Cry	2.80a3.25
Logwood	23½a 24½	Sulphur	3a 4½
Maddor	12a 17	Sugar Lead	24a 28
Magnes, Cal	80a1.00	Turpen. spg	35
Carb	30a 35	Var. Cook'l	1.85a4.00
Manna, Flo	97	Copal	1.25a2.00
Morph, Sul	4.45a4.75oz	Damar	1.50a1.80
Nit. Silver	1.00 oz	Dam. syan	1.00
Opium	7.00a7.40	Venet. Red	2½a 4½
Powd	8.25a8.40	Whiting	¾a 2½

THE WOOL TRADE.

New York.

The general market has continued rather quiet; a few dealers, however, have placed fair amounts of fleeces and California; but, as a rule, manufacturers purchase very cautiously, and do not go beyond their immediate wants; late quotations, however, are maintained with considerable steadiness, that is, the finer grades, which are not in excessive supply; the low and medium grades, especially Texas and other southern wools, are only barely steady, as some accumulation has taken place; the business in pulled wools has shown not a little improvement, and dealers have obtained full firm figures. As regards foreign wools, nothing special can be said; there are only small sales being made, but the limited offerings hold prices steady; most of the arrivals of Donskoi are for manufacturers' account. We quote: Fleeces—XXX and Picklock, 50a53c; XX, 43a48c; X, 42a43c; No. 1 and No. 2, 43a50c; Combing, 55a63c; Extra, pulled, 40a44c; Superfine, pulled, 40a45c; No. 1, pulled, 30a 30. California spring clip—Superior, unwashed, 26a32c: Medium, 26a30c; Coarse, 22 a25c; Burry, 19a21c. California fall clip and lamb—Fine, unwashed, 18a21c; Medium, 21a23c; Coarse, 18a21c; Burry, 15a17c. Valpraiso, unwashed, 20a28c, gold; Mexican, unwashed, 20a22c. Texas—Fine, eastern, 28a33c; Medium, eastern, 28a32c; Coarse, eastern, 26a33c; Burry, eastern, 15a 24c; fine, western, 20a25c; Smyrna, unwashed, 18a23c.

PHILADELPHIA.

There has been a fair business doing, and prices generally are steady. Sales include: Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia fleeced, XX and above, 45a50c; extra 43a47; medium, 40a41; coarse, 45a49. New York, Michigan, Indiana and Western—Fine, 40a42; medium, 40a50; coarse, 43a49; combing washed, 58a62; combing unwashed 42½; Canada combing, 62½a fine unwashed, 30a31; coarse and medium unwashed, 33a37; tubwashed, 50a55; Colorado washed, 25a28: do. unwashed, 22a25; extra and merino pulled, 39a42; No. 1 and super pulled, 39a 42; Texas, fine and medium, 24a26; Texas coarse, 21a22.

Memphis.

MEMPHIS, December 2.—Cotton quiet at 12½c. Flour dull and unchanged. Corn dull; No. 2 47a48c. Oats nominally at 44a 45c. Pork dull at $62. Lard dull at 13½a 13¾c. Bacon firm at 7½, 10¾a10¾c.

RIVER NEWS.

State of the Rivers, Movements of Steamboats, &c.

OFFICE OF OBSERVATION, SIGNAL SERVICE, U. S. ARMY.—DAILY REPORT OF THE STAGE OF WATER, WITH CHANGES IN THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT 7 P. M.

Pittsburgh, December 2, 1875.

Stations.	*Above low water—ft.*	*Change in 24 hours—ft.*	*Depth in channel—in.*	*Wind.*	*State of Weather.*
Cairo, Ill	23	—2	Calm	Lt. Rain.	
Cincinnati, Ohio	25	9	—1	10	E. Fair.
Davenport, Iowa	2	3	—9	SE.	Clear.
Keokuk, Iowa	11		—1	E.	Clear.
Louisville	10	4		NE.	Cloudy.
Memphis, Tenn.	18	3	—1	NE.	Cloudy.
Nashville, Tenn.	16	11	—2	1	E. Cloudy.
Shreveport	3		—1	S.	Cloudy.
St. Lou s Mo	4	3	—2	E.	Clear.
Vicksburg, Miss.	17	11	—1	2	SW. Cloudy.
Johnsonville	8	7	—10	NE.	Fair.

L. A. WELSH,
Sergeant, Signal Service, U. S. A.

THE stage of water last evening was 7 feet full, and falling. Clear and pleasant; business at the landing continues dull.

THE towboat Hope and C. W. Hornbrook arrived from Wheeling.

THE Ashland, en route from New Orleans to Cincinnati, has 143 bbls molasses for Pittsburgh.

THE John L. Rhoads is announced for New Orleans, and passengers and shippers should bear this in mind.

THE new Great Republic, claimed to be the largest steamboat in the world, will be ready for business about the first of February.

CAPT. JAMES R. RICHARDSON, and old steamboatman and formerly a resident of this city, has been elected Mayor of Mansfield, Ohio.

THE John Brown is reported hard aground on the bar at Deadman, and it is feared she will have to remain there until there is more water.

THE towboat Sam Miller, while landing at Louisville with her tow, broke some of her machinery, and would have been carried over the falls but for the assistance of a ferry boat.

THE fine steamer John L. Rhoads, Capt. Vandergrift, is, as will be seen by card, announced for New Orleans, and the Exchange, Capt. John L. Rhoads, will depart for Cincinnati on Saturday.

THE Fearless with her tow, which were aground at Deadman, succeeded in getting off about 2 o'clock on Thursday morning. For a time, the boat and all her barges were all aground, but they were pulled off by I. S. Keefer.

THE Exchange, in charge of the veteran Capt. J. L. Rhoads, is announced to depart for Cincinnati to-morrow without fail. The Exchange is a permanent feature in the trade, and deserves the special attention of our Pittsburgh shippers.

THE Wheeling *Intelligencer*, of yesterday, reports the Fearless as having passed that point the day before. Our cotemporary is mistaken. The Fearless with her tow was aground from Wednesday morning at three A. M. until about the same hour on Thursday.

THE Wheeling and Cincinnati steamers continue to advertise in the Cincinnati papers that for Pittsburgh, but do not say anything about reshipping at Wheeling. We would advise Cincinnati people to patronize the through boats, Exchange and Emma Graham.

IT is complained that some of the Government signal lights are not properly attended to, it is said that the light at the head of Deadman was out on Tuesday morning at three o'clock. This is a very important matter, and should receive the immediate attention of the proper authorities.

A ST. LOUIS dispatch, under date of Tuesday, says: There is a sprinkling of ice floating by the city, but not enough of it to interfere with navigation. The DeSmet struck an obstruction between here and Alton this morning, breaking 76 timbers. She goes on the docks, and the Colossal went to Alton in her place. This was the only departure for above. Captain R. W. Dugan left from Cairo to-day, and visited 'Change. The Tom and Jasper is to be enlarged, and made a sixteen hundred ton boat. The sectional docks have secured the job, and it will cost $20,000. Thirty feet in length and one foot more hold are to be added. The Belle of Shreveport leaves for New Orleans to-morrow, and the John A. Scudder follows on Friday. Rates to all points south will be advanced, to-morrow, 10c a bbl on flour, and 5c per 100 pounds on freight. They are now 60c and 30c, with way freights higher. Arrived—DeSmet, from Grafton; Emma C. Elliott, from Grand Tower; Leopard, from Cairo; Hickory, from Tennessee.

(*For Additional River News see Fourth Page.*)

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI & ST. LOUIS RAILROAD COMPANY.—1ot b h goods, J. S. Vance; 5 bbls b beer, A. B. Bihlman; 50 bales hops, Fraunheim & V; 3 bxs yeast, Kramer & Seiferth, 1 box wood, Pickersgill, L. & Co; 2 cases crackers, Caskey & S; 1 bbl whiskey, D. & Co; 1 bbl do, Grimsdse, D. Gregg & Co; 1 bbl eggs, Caskey, B. & Co; 4 do beans, J. H. Loh & Co; 1 car chopped feed, H. J. McCracken; 5 cars flax seed, Thompson & Co; 10 bbls whiskey, A. Stephenson; 24 pkgs tobacco, J. L. Dunseath & Co; 21 bbls rice, Allen Kirkpatrick & Co; 25 do, Dilworth Bros; 15 boxes soap, Scott & Gr; 1 do, Smith & Seligel; 1 box books, S. A. Clarke & Co; 1 bbl molasses, Dunlevey & Bro; 2 bbds bacon, 4 tierces shoulders, Walker, C. & Co; 1 box tennons, T. Baird; 3 bxs cornpwood, Kramer & V; 25 bxs soap, J. S. Dilworth & Co; 50 bxs do, Dilworth Bros; 16 pails tobacco, T. J. Wallace; 10 pkgs do, S. M. Brown; 1 box do, Hayworth & D; 11 do, Kramer & V; 1 do, J. W. Taylor; 25 bxs soap, Carter Bros. & Co; 50 do; T. C. Jenkins; 10 bbls whisky, M. G. Gorry; 10 do, Wertsner & Son; 5 do, L. Hellbroner; 25 bbls oil, Walker, C. & Co; 20 bbls molasses, Watt, L. Co; 15 do, W. Haslage; 250 bxs starch, Dilworth Bros; 250 do, 30 bbls molasses, T. C. Jenkins; 34 bbls molasses, J. Wilson & Son; 1 car corn, D. G. Stewart & Co; 30 bdls w paper, D. M. Jenkins; 1 iron safe, Hall's Safe & Lock Co; 1 bbl castings, Pgh Casting Co; 24 elliptic springs, A. French & Co; 28 sacks wheat, Marshall, K. & Co; 10 bbls hominy, Dilworth Bros; 11 bbls molasses, R. Dickey & Co; 10 pkgs tobacco, J. S. Dilworth & Co; 10 do, Arbuckles & Co; 1 box pa

HOME NEWS.

Lost and Again Found.

The young girl who a week or two since was taken by her father and brother from a house of ill-fame in East Liberty, mention of which was made at the time, never went home. She jumped off the train at Second avenue and succeeded in making her escape. She passed through Union Depot again last evening in charge of her brother and a Catholic priest. She was more docile than on the previous occasion, but declared her intention not to remain at home. Her father is sorely grieved over her depravity.

The Fair at City Hall.

City Hall presented a most beautiful appearance last evening, and we may now consider the fair for the Homeopathic Hospital in full blast. We have never seen a finer display upon such an occasion and would advise our readers, one and all, to visit the fair at an early day. It should also be remembered that dinners are served every day to a hungry multitude, and furthermore that all go away satisfied. The ladies still desire it to be known that contributions of all kinds of cooked edibles will be most acceptable. The fair should receive most liberal patronage.

Business Statistics.

The books of Mr. Thomas Ward, City Assessor of Allegheny, show that business has been pretty good in Allegheny during the past year. The business tax of one mill assessed and collected in the year 1873 amounted to the sum of $13,000. In the year 1874, the amount of business done, as sworn to by Controller Brown was put at $14,685,110 and the tax levied on that was $14,685.11, which was an increase of $1,685.11 over the previous year. The present year just drawing to a close has eclipsed all former years, as the sum total of business transacted reached the figures of $20,265,530, and the tax on that amounts to $20,265.53, which is an increase of $5,580,420 in the amount of business done, and an extra sum of $5,580.42 to put in the City Treasury.

The Weather.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

We give you the record of the weather from the 29th of October to the 27th of November; Cloudy and variable days, nineteen; rain, nine; snow, four; clear and fair, ten; frosts, six; thunder, two. Daily average of thermometer 43; average of river, five feet. Rain fell 2 20-000 inches. The same days in 1864, average thermometer 42, and rain 1 30-100 inches. The month was not so stormy as the indications would point to, by the rule, which is attributed to the Indian Summer weather, which intervened from the fifth to the tenth inst. Every morning showed white frosts, and mornings and evenings were smoky. Indian Summers are erratic, and no calculation can be relied upon. It comes often in October and misses November. This year it came in October and closed with severe storms and yet came again in November. The Indians in former times looked for it from the 31st to the 11th of November, which used to be usual, but it is presumed the cutting down of the forest trees has interfered with Nature's order.

INDICATIONS.

A pleasant, moderate, cool, dry month, without the usual twenty-foot river; from the 15th to the 20th of the month to 8; several days of rain or snow; fourteen of cloudy or variable days, succeeded by a cool, moderate January wind; a fair amount of snow toward the last part of the month.

PITTSBURGH, December 24, 1875. ***

VACCINATION.

How They Propose to Do It in Allegheny.

The Health Committee of Allegheny Councils met last evening, Mr. Simon Drum presiding. A number of bills, the majority of which were for hauling dead animals out of the city, were approved.

A letter was then read by the chairman from a homeopathic physician, offering to vaccinate all indigent persons free of charge, on condition that if the first operation is not sufficient to cause the vaccine matter to operate, he shall have the right to charge one dollar for each subsequent operation on the same person.

After some discussion a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Price, Brown and Bedell, was appointed, to whom this matter was referred; and if the proposition is not accepted, they are to report as to whether the City Poor, Lock-up, and Health Physicians, who are all paid salaries, can not be required to vaccinate such persons, free of charge, who are unable to pay for it.

GOING TO LAW.

Removal of the Allegheny Stock Yards.

The Health Committee of Allegheny Councils, at their meeting last evening had the matter of the removal of the stock yards, in the Second ward, from their present location. During 1874 an ordinance was passed by Councils requesting the removal of the stock yards after October 1st, 1875. On the arrival of the latter date the owners of the stock yards paid no attention to the ordinance, and declared that if the city attempted to enforce it they would resist and carry the matter into the courts. As there is some doubt as to the legality of the ordinance, Mayor Phillips declined to enforce it until the Health Committee had requested him to do so, and thereby relieve him of the responsibility in case the ordinance was declared illegal and the city would have to pay the costs. Last evening His Honor submitted a communication to the committee in relation to the matter. The communication was referred to a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Brown, Price and Bedell, to examine into the legality of the ordinance and with power to request the Mayor to proceed against the owners of the yards, if they were convinced that the ordinance could legally be enforced.

HARD AT WORK.

The New Railroad Depot on Federal Street, Allegheny.

During the past three or four years the ruins on the site of the old depot of the P. F. W. & C. R. R. on Federal street, Allegheny, have been an eye-sore to the citizens of Allegheny, but a few remarks dropped at a meeting of the Allegheny Street Committee on Tuesday evening by Mayor Wyman, of the P. F. W. & C. R. R., give some hope that the work on the new depot will soon be commenced. It was proposed that Allegheny City vacate Bidwell street and construct the railroad company, on condition that the company open a portion of a street near there, and also at once proceed with the erection of a new depot on Federal street. To this proposition Mr. Layng at once replied that the railway company were as anxious as the city to get that depot up, and they were working harder to get it up than the City Councils could ever be to compel them to do. The gentleman did not state what was the cause of the delay in the beginning of the work, nor how soon it would be commenced but those who heard the remarks were led to understand that the commencement of the work would not be at a very distant day.

POLICE.

Dismissals From and Appointments on the Force, &c.

The Police Committee met last night in the Common Council chamber, Mr. Thompson in the chair. Clerk Hartzell's report of the police business of the city last month, already published, was received and filed. The November pay roll, amounting to $15,848.97, and bills footing up $360.84, were approved and ordered to be paid.

Mayor McCarthy submitted a communication announcing the dismissal from the force of P. P. Connelly, W. Sheehan, H. S. Perry, Henry Rahe and Henry Kruss. Geo. M. Dorsey resigned. He also named the following appointees, who were confirmed: Amos Hall, Joseph J. Elliott, Michael Murphy, Jas. Kirkpatrick, D. S. Phillips, C. M. Cinnamon, David Carson, Andrew Knox and Conrad Stib.

Mr. Braun reported that coal buckets, towels, hose, brooms, &c., are needed at the Central Police station. He was authorized to procure them. A recommendation by the same gentleman that the patrolmen in the lower district of the South Side be provided with a shelter, was laid on the table. Mr. Braun said, however, that at a previous meeting the sub-committee in charge of the matter had been authorized to act, and he intimated that it would do so.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

A Farmer Killed by a Passenger Train at McKeesport.

Coroner McCallin was notified yesterday forenoon by telegram that a farmer named Samuel Varney had been killed at McKeesport by a passenger train on the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Railroad. He immediately repaired to the scene of the accident, and learned the following particulars: The deceased, Mr. Varney, was a farmer, living in Versailles township, about three miles from McKeesport. He was driving to the latter place yesterday morning, and had to cross the railroad a short distance below the town. Just above this point where the road crosses the railroad track is a deep cut. Mr. Varney was watching a freight train on the track below the cut, and was not aware of the proximity of the passenger train, and started across the track. The cut mentioned, and a curve in the track prevented the engineer from seeing the wagon until he was almost on it, preventing the possibility of stopping in time to prevent the collision. The horses got safely across, but the engine struck the wagon, crushing the running gear, throwing Mr. Varney into the air, from whence he alighted upon his head upon the platform in front of the engine, and lifting the bed off the wagon and carrying it for a distance of a hundred yards. The train was stopped, and the body of Mr. Varney sent to town upon the freight train that was near. The deceased, as stated, was a farmer, and, leaves a wife and six children.

The Coroner summoned a jury and will hold an inquest this morning.

The New York Wafer Crackers

Are the best water crackers in the market. Ask your grocer for them.

THE COURT RECORD.

A Complete Report of the Proceedings in the Courts Yesterday.

United States Circuit Court.

(Before Judge McKennan.)

The case of Henry S. Shafer vs. the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which has been on trial for about two weeks, was submitted to the jury yesterday. The verdict has not yet been brought in.

The case of E. C. Cruse vs. the Kittanning Coal Company, an action for ejectment from 427 acres of land lying partly in Cambria and partly in Blair county, is on trial.

Testimony is being taken in the case of the alleged infringement case of Williams et al. vs. Keller.

United States District Court.

(Before Judge McCandless.)

In the matter of J. W. Grubbs, debtor, of this city. Argument made on the adjudication of the same in bankruptcy. Decision reserved.

In the matter of George Fuller, bankrupt, of Venango county. On petition of assignee, an order was made for the sale of certain real estate, promissory notes, debts due, etc.

In the case of John S. McCabe vs. M. S. O'Donnell, of Luzerne county, the latter was adjudged a bankrupt and the matter referred to Register Willard.

In the matter of Jacob Shirk, bankrupt, of Venango county, on petition, an order was made for the sale of certain real estate, subject to existing liens.

In the matter of Wm. H. Meehling, bankrupt, of this city, the appeal of Joseph H. Gray, trustee of the Weekly Savings Bank, from the judgment of this Court refusing to dissolve injunction was presented and allowed.

Leave was granted to discontinue the proceedings in the case of Butler, Browne & Clapp vs. Isaac Michalisky, of Clarion county.

In the case of Kneedler, Patterson & Co. et al. vs. Wm. Armagast, on petition an order to show cause was granted, returnable on the 10th inst.

In the matter of Powell, Gregg & Co., bankrupts, of Washington county, on motion and agreement the injunction against John Patton & Co. et al. was granted.

The creditors of Wm. Armagast, of Centre county, filed a petition for his adjudication in bankruptcy. The usual order was made.

In the case of Pieffer & Richards, of Meadville, vs. Collectors Brown and Culbertson, reported yesterday, United States Attorney Reed made his argument and the decision of the Court was reserved.

Common Pleas Court No. 1.

(Before Judges Sterrett, Stowe and Collier.)

The argument list is still continued in this Court.

In the matter of the voluntary assignment of Huntsman, Miller & Co., the report of assignee was confirmed absolutely and the assignee was discharged.

Common Pleas Court No. 2.

(Before Judges Ewing and Kirkpatrick.)

Michael Bliss vs. W. A. Gwynn. Reported yesterday. Verdict for plaintiff for $50.

Thomas Robertson vs. Louisa Smith and D. S. McKnight; before reported. Verdict for plaintiff.

The Freehold Bank and Building Association vs. John W. Smith with notice to John Cuthbert as tenant. Sheriff paid into Court the sum of $3,717.10.

John F. Edwardson vs. Joseph Snurkler et al. Action in ejectment. Verdict for plaintiff for the premises and 6¼ cents damages and costs of suits.

Ferdinand and Isabella Yarx vs. Solomon Fell. Suit for damages. Verdict for plaintiff for $75.

Commonwealth *ex rel.* Edward Wadsworth vs. Henry Cordier. *Habeas Corpus* granted returnable December 4th.

The Citizens Mutual Building and Loan Association vs. George Brandt. Sheriff allowed to pay into court $6,000, arising from the sale of certain real estate.

Wm. Ware vs. the Pittsburgh Locomotive and Car Link works. On trial.

Thomas Robertson vs. Lawson Smith and D. S McKnight, two cases, actions of replevin. On trial.

Douch for use vs. Douch. Joseph M. Atkinson appointed auditor to make distribution of fund.

V. D. Bernd & Co. vs. Mrs. Julia McLaughlin. Sheriff granted permission to pay into court the amount realized from the sale of certain real estate, to wit, $177.50.

Wm. Miller vs. Wm. Fick. Sheriff allowed to pay into court $230.07, realized from the sale of certain real estate.

Trial List for To-Day.

Reed vs. Bell et al.
Reed vs. Altvater.
Craft vs. Conrad Wating.
Jackson vs. Kirkwood.
Wolf vs. Briggs et al.
Hanen vs. Ballentine.
West vs. Hubley et al.
James vs. Hendricks.
Stalis vs. Hamilton.
Logan vs. The Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad Company.
Horner vs. Seaton.
Kalo vs. Herbert.
Sance vs. Robb.
Henne vs. Venn.

Court Brevities.

AFFAIRS at the Court House partake of the general dullness that prevails everywhere at present in the way of local news. Only two courts are in session, and one of these (the Common Pleas No. 1) is engaged in a way that is absolutely itemless.

YESTERDAY morning a jury in partition, consisting of fifteen persons, was empaneled by Sheriff Hare to divide the Hyde estate, in accordance with a decree of the Orphans' Court. The estate lies in the First ward, and consists of a cotton mill, tenement houses and vacant lots.

THE writ of *habeas corpus* directed to Superintendent Cordier, of the Workhouse, mention of which is made in the proceedings of the Common Pleas Court No. 2, is returned by Sheriff Langenheim, and Edward Wadsworth, who was arrested on sight by an Allegheny policeman, and sentenced to the Workhouse on the 25th ultimo by Mayor Phillips, on a common theft, is claimed by the commitment was illegal and unjust, as the prisoner can prove that he is not a common thief.

JUDGE STERRETT is now engaged in hearing a *habeas corpus* case of Gustove Langenbahn vs. Christina Langenbahn, to recover possession of four children, William, Catherine, Gustave and Albert, aged respectively eleven and one-half, nine, seven and four years. The parties in the case have been divorced, and since the separation the mother has had charge of the children. The father wishes to have them in his care. The respondent alleges that the complainant is not a proper person to have the children, inasmuch as sometime since he gave to one of the children a bottle containing a liquid, with certain directions for its use. Mrs. Langenheim took the bottle to a chemist, and found the liquid to be poison. The relator's testimony on this point has not been heard.

IN THE Common Pleas Court No. 1, yesterday, the affidavits of P. H. Laufman, Thomas Mercheld, John Kinkead and John H Walter were filed in the case of P. H. Laufman & Bro. vs. C. Howard & Son. The property, the ownership of which is in dispute, was levied upon on the property of defendants by the plaintiffs, as their creditors. Jacob H. Walter claiming the property as his own, the Sheriff refused to sell it, although the Messrs. Laufman agreed to give bond to secure him. The Sheriff then took out a rule to interplead, whereupon the affidavits are filed. The property is that in use for the construction of the Hiland avenue reservoir. Jacob Walter claims to have released and then purchased the property. Messrs. Laufman & Bro., however, allege that the sale was a fraud, and that Mr. Walter bought in the property at about one-tenth its value. They further allege that Mr. Walter used means to prevent the sale from having publicity, and thereby prevented parties who would have purchased from being present. Mr. Walter claims that the sale was *bona fide* and in every way regular.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

First Meeting of the New Union Normal Class.

Last evening the first meeting of the new Union Normal Class for Sunday School teachers was held in the parlor of the Y. M. C. A. rooms. There was a good attendance and in numbers and interest the first meeting promises a great success.

Mr. Sidney Onohundro presided, and Mr. S. W. Hay acted as secretary. After a Bible reading by the Chairman, and singing by the choir, prayer was offered by Thos. Bakewell, Esq. The Chairman then announced that owing to the unavoidable absence of Rev. Dr. I. C. Pershing, there would be a change in conductors, and Mr. W. J. Jackson, of the Lawrenceville street M. E. school was called upon to take the place of the absent gentleman. The topic for consideration was "How to Study a Lesson," and Mr. Jackson, in elucidating it, brought out the following points:

1. Special preparation, each week, is needed by the teacher for his class work, no less than by the minister for his pulpit work. 2. In undertaking this work, invite earnestly seek the aid of the Holy Spirit. Prayer gives spiritual perceptions. 3. Take ample time for the study of your lesson. Read, re-read, memorize, repeat, and ponder it. Begin early in the week. Study parallel passages. Think about your lesson constantly. 4. After independent examination, consult all available helps. Ask yourself concerning your scholars their mental and spiritual condition. Imagine yourself in the position of your scholars. 5. Lay hold of the central thought, the prominent idea, principle or truth involved. Study to bring out the historic connections. Ascertain the where, when, and what of the history. 6. As soon as possible, get at the spiritual, doctrinal or practical parts of the lesson. Study before-hand how you may apply every lesson to the hearts of your scholars. Go from your closet to your class.

The members of the class participated in the discussion with considerable enthusiasm, and the lesson was as interesting as it was profitable.

About nine o'clock the class was dismissed.

The next meeting will be held in the parlor of the Y. M. C. A., on Thursday evening, 16th inst., when the topic "How to teach a lesson" will be considered. Text leaves for the meeting will be distributed at the noon meeting next Saturday in the Y. M. C. A. Association rooms.

For Sale.

Two second hand Cameron Steam Pumps in good order. They are 7 inch cylinder, 24 inch stroke, 4 inch discharge. Will be sold cheap by Epping, Carpenter & Co., Keystone Steam Pump Works, corner of Penn and Thirty-second streets.

BREVITIES.

Paragraphic Jottings of Passing Events.

····The Allegheny Poor Board will hold a meeting this evening.

····$3,812.13 were distributed among the Allegheny police yesterday for last month's services.

····Four-fifths of the goods stolen from Walters' store on Tuesday evening have been recovered.

····As soon as $5,000 have been subscribed the work of sinking the South Side gas well will be commenced.

····Commencing on Monday, the 13th inst., the South Side *Herald* will be issued for three weeks as a daily, by way of experiment.

····The evening train on the Pan Handle Railroad was three hours behind time last evening. A freight train off the track caused the detention.

····Seventeen cases of small-pox—seven adults and ten children—have been reported to the Board of Health since the 28th of October. But one has resulted fatally so far.

····Yesterday morning Frank Vogle and Frank Ketterly, the parties charged with burglarizing Walter's store on Troy Hill, were committed to jail by Mayor Phillips for trial.

····A well known physician of the city was robbed in a Sixth street dive early yesterday morning of $70. One of the parties supposed to be implicated has been arrested, and is now in the Central Police Station.

····Business in the Aldermanic way is wonderfully dull. One dispenser of justice on the hill remarked last evening that if matters got much duller he would begin to wonder where his Christmas dinner was to come from.

····Another through mail from New York now reaches the city daily. The Cincinnati express, due here at 8 o'clock in the morning, now has a postal car attached to it, thus giving us a morning and an evening mail from New York.

····Laura Sill, a little girl living on Mt. Washington, was very dangerously burned on Tuesday evening. She was playing in the house of a neighbor with the children when she passed too near the grate and her clothes caught fire.

····McPhilliamy, who is charged with incendiarism in burning his father's flouring mill at Sharpsburg, a few weeks ago, had a hearing before the Fire Marshal yesterday, and was held to bail in the sum of $5,000 for trial at Court.

····Coroner McCallin was notified yesterday of the death of the colored man Wm. Douglass, who was crushed between the bumpers of a freight train at the Outer Depot in this city on Wednesday forenoon. An inquest will be held this evening.

····Aldermen Cassiday, Donley, Robinson, Shuck, Butler and Lowry have replied to the circular of Controller Snodgrass, requesting reports as to fines imposed for violations of city ordinances. They say that no fines had been collected by them.

····The annual meeting of the Tradesmen's Industrial Institute will be held on Tuesday, December 14, at the office, No. 5 Bank Block, Sixth avenue, to elect thirteen directors to serve during the ensuing year, and to hear the reports of the retiring Board.

····There was a grand vocal and instrumental concert given in Plymouth Chapel, Allegheny, last evening. Among those who participated were Miss Theresa Henne, Miss Annie Miller, Mr. Sellers, Mr. J. T. Irwin, Mr. Fred Bauman, Mr. H. Mayerhoeffer and Mr. Carl Ritter.

····Six new postal cars, for use on the Panhandle railroad, have just been completed at the shops of the Pennsylvania Company, in Allegheny city, and twenty handsome passenger coaches for the accommodation of travelers by the Fort Wayne road to the Centennial, are now in process of construction.

····The Pennsylvania Railroad Company yesterday advanced rates on fourth-class freights from this point, as follows: To New York, from 20 to 25c per 100 pounds; to Philadelphia, from 18 to 20c per 100 pounds; to Baltimore, from 17 to 18c per 100 pounds. All other points and classes remain unchanged.

····Wm. J. McFetridge was arrested early this morning, on Penn street, by officer M. A. Davis, for alleged disorderly conduct in tripping a pedestrian and throwing him to the pavement. McFetridge says that he was guilty of nothing for which he should have been arrested. He left a deposit of ten dollars for his appearance this morning.

····Col. S. W. Hill, of the Fourteenth Regiment, has issued an order constituting Companies A, E, G and H, the right wing of the battalion, and Companies B, C, D and K, the left wing. Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph H. Gray will supervise the former, and Major James Glenn the latter. Officers are directed to make official visits as frequent as possible.

····A two story frame house at Copeland station, near Braddock's Fields, which was owned by Isaac Mills, Sr., but which had been unoccupied for some two months, was burned down Wednesday evening at half past eight o'clock. It was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary, as the person who discovered the fire saw a can of oil burning in the cellar. The loss is about $1,800.

····On Friday evening the following officers were elected in Harmony Lodge, No. 47 A. O. U. W.: P. M. W., John C. Bardell; M. W. H. H. Phillips; G. F., John Gault; Overseer, W. E. Megraw; G., Geo. W. Trimble; Recording secretary, Wm. Financier, E. N. Riggs, Receiver, C. Hoffman; J. W., Fred. Miller; O. W., Wm. Earlin, Representatives to Grand Lodge, Geo. W. Trimble.

····A large bundle consisting of four pieces of coarse and cassimere goods, and which is supposed to have been stolen from No. 48 Smithfield street, from whence several webs of cloth were taken during an assigned sale a few weeks ago, and from the store burglarized a few nights ago on Troy Hill, was recovered yesterday by detective Roger O'Mara at a pawnbroker's shop on Wylie avenue. It is at the Mayor's office awaiting identification.

PERSONAL.

····Mr. Erasmus Wilson, well known in journalistic circles in this city, will soon assume editorial control of the South Side *Herald.*

····Mr. J. O. S. Golden, member of the Allegheny City Councils, who has been confined to his residence for some time past by a severe fever sore on his left leg, is again convalescing, and received the congratulations of his friends upon his convalescence.

CRIME IN THE CITY.

ALDERMAN ROECK, yesterday committed T. Krehenbuhl to await trial on a charge of felonious assault and battery upon Chris. Becker.

SCOTTY GEISINGER was in the Allegheny lockup again yesterday afternoon. He had been locked up Friday and reached a hilarious stage on North avenue when a blue coat gently gathered him in, not however without some difficulty as Scotty manifested in an obstreperous way his decided inclination to breath the airs of liberty.

AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

Last night Mrs. Oates rendered the character of *Rose Michon* in the opera of "The Pretty Parfumeur," this evening she will appear in "The Princess of Trebizonde." At the matinee to-morrow afternoon "Girofle-Girofla" will be again presented.

Library Hall.

To-night is Miss Thompson's benefit, and if lovers of the drama desire to insure themselves an evening of real pleasure they can do so by going to see her *Jane Eyre.* No better characterization has been witnessed in Pittsburgh this season. To-morrow night she plays *Parthenia* to Mr. Sheridan's *Ingomar.* The company is very large and well drilled.

Trimble's Varieties.

A tasty and carefully prepared bill is offered nightly by Mr. Alms. It includes many well known artists.

English Opera.

As the sale of seats for the English Opera at Library Hall next Monday and Tuesday evenings is now progressing at Hale's, the opportunity is good for the best pick.

Homeopathic Fair.

The fair at old City Hall is being well patronized by those who know where to go for a good, square meal.

Lookout Mountain.

The painting of the battle of Lookout Mountain will remain on exhibition a few days longer at the Art Gallery, in the Library building.

STREET EXPENDITURES.

What it Cost to Clean and Repair Pittsburgh Streets for Ten Months.

Appended is a table, prepared by Assistant City Clerk Booth, showing the amount of money expended by the Street Committee during the ten months ending November 1st, 1875. The amount appropriated by Councils to the Street Committee at the beginning of the present year was $110,000. This sum the committee apportioned among the different street districts, the Engineer's office and the Board of Viewers. The First, Second and Third districts embrace the old city, with the exception of the East End wards, which are under the jurisdiction of the Road Committee. The Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh districts comprise the whole of the South Side. The Fourth district, which does not now exist, is to consist of the outer districts, at present controlled by the Road Committee. The amount appropriated to each district, the sum expended up to November 1st, and the balance on hand with which to meet expenses until the 1st of January, is included in the following statement:

	Appropriation.	*Exp'd.*	*Balance.*
1st District	$ 22,184 00	16,294 68	5,889 32
2d "	19,384 00	16,992 81	2,391 19
3d "	19,378 00	11,629 16	3,748 84
5th "	10,994 00	8,658 57	2,335 43
6th "	10,340 00	8,785 92	1,554 08
7th "	10,340 00	9,827 70	512 30
Engineer's Office	11,967 38	9,887 41	2,079 97
Other Expenses	5,672 62	5,672 62	
B'd of Viewers	6,059 00	4,721 66	1,278 34
Total	$110,000 00	$ 93,880 10	17,189 90

The disbursements embraced in the term "other expenses" were for building small bridges, laying culverts, and such matters. The statement will be submitted to the Street Committee at its meeting this evening.

KRISS KRINGLE'S CONFECTIONERY.

Sweetmeats and Where to Get Them—The Pittsburgh Headquarters for Confectionery—The Stock in Store at Messrs. Kramer & Vogleson's.

The holiday season is rapidly approaching, and already there are indications in the store windows that St. Nicholas will soon be here. Among the establishments where there are special signs of his coming is that of Messrs. Kramer & Vogleson, confectioners. The wholesale department is at No. 179 Liberty street, and the retail at No. 51 Sixth street, both stores being connected. This combination of two stores in one is the great Pittsburgh headquarters for confectionery goods, and the place has never before been more unquestionably entitled to this distinction than it is this year. Messrs. Kramer & Vogleson make a specialty of the manufacture of fine, pure confectionery, and they are alike exceedingly careful in the selection of material and workmen, so that their house has well earned its fame. Their business, too, is well systematized, so that wholesale customers will find the fullest assortment, and can buy in any quantity in their wholesale house, while their retail customers are supplied at the retail stores,—and so each department is separate, although both are managed by the same firm. Thus business is managed expeditiously, promptly, and with more satisfaction to buyer as well as seller.

Just now the firm has on hand one of the largest and finest assortments of foreign and domestic fruits and confectionery ever opened in Pittsburgh. It is a stock, which, for variety and extent, is ahead of anything in that line in the city. A look over the stock will convince any one of that fact,—for both houses are packed full of the goods from cellar to roof.

Among the special features of the stock at this time, is the assortment for Sunday schools. Messrs. Kramer & Vogleson pay particular attention to this branch of their business. They can supply schools with choice mixed candies, in bulk, or in boxes, by the ton, in any quantity and at the very lowest rates. Their great success in this direction in other years is a guarantee of the attractions they offer. They sell only pure candies, and purchasers are therefore under no risk of having an inferior article palmed off on them.

The firm also are just opening up a beautiful assortment of foreign and domestic goods, specially adapted for Christmas decorations and the trimming of Christmas trees, or the ornamentation of the home with holiday devices. These goods embrace an illimitable variety of articles, and the assortment looks like an invoice of exquisitely beautiful ornaments from Kriss Kingle himself. It is the largest and best selected stock of goods of this line, in the city, and yet the prices are very low—low enough to be reached by all classes. A small assortment of goods from this stock would give every home just such an appearance as it ought to have to suit the genial spirit of the holiday time.

These are, however, but a few of the attractions to be found at Messrs. Kramer & Vogleson's. Our readers, who desire to make their purchases to the very best advantage, whether in a wholesale or retail way, should call at Messrs. Kramer & Vogleson's, Nos. 179 Liberty street or 51 Sixth street.

FINANCIAL WHITTLING.

Additional Shaving of the Wages of City Employes.

The labors of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, in the matter of the reduction of the salaries of Municipal employes, was continued last night in the office of the City Clerk.

The salary of the City Assessor and Clerk to the Board of Assessors was reduced from $3,000 to $2,200 per annum.

After some debate it was decided to recommend the following reductions in the Fire Department:

	Present Pay.	*Proposed Pay.*
Chief Engineer	$1,680.	$1,300
Asst. Engineer	1,380.	1,100
Foremen, each	1,020.	900
Engineers, each	1,020.	900
Drivers, each	930.	780
Hosemen, each	900.	780
Secretary	1,000.	780
Storekeeper	1,200.	900

On motion of Mr. Price a reduction was ordered in the police force of twenty-five patrolmen, five Lieutenants and two detectives. This is in addition to the reduction to pay firemen for days away. The Chief of Police's wages was shaved from $1,500 to $1,300 a year.

The Water Assessor was cut down from $3,700 to $1,600, and his clerk from $1,080 to $600.

The Board of Health was recommended to dispense with three Sanitary Inspectors, and reduce the salary of the Meat Inspector from $2,500 to $2,000 per annum. The Physician from $1,000 to $500, and pay the Clerk $2,50 a day. Councils have no power to enforce this reduction, hence the recommendation.

The action taken at a previous meeting, recommending that the salary of the City Attorney be reduced from $5,000 to $4,000, was reconsidered, and it was allowed to remain as it now is.

The Messenger of Councils was reduced from $1,000 to $800.

The offices of the Monongahela and Allegheny Wharfmasters were consolidated, and the salary fixed at $1,200, instead of $1,500, the sum now paid to both.

A resolution presented by Mr. Foley, requesting the Street Committee to direct the Commissioner of the First district to take charge of the repairing and cleaning of the Monongahela and Allegheny wharves, was adopted.

The South Side Wharfmaster was reduced from $1,600 to $700, and the Mayor's Clerk from $2,000 to $1,600 per annum.

The Superintendent and Clerk of the Diamond market were reduced from $1,200 to $1,080 each; the clerk of the South Side market from $1,000 to $800; two constables from $600 each to $720, and two sweepers from $600 to $540.

The Assistant Controller was reduced from $2,000 to $1,800, and the clerk in his office from $900 to $810. Over the salary of the Controller Councils have no jurisdiction, as it is fixed by act of Assembly.

Adjourned.

ABOUT A COMMERCIAL BUREAU

A. B. and C. H. Holcomb Before the Mayor—Their Discharge on the Conspiracy Suit.

A hearing was had yesterday afternoon, before the Mayor, in the case of A. B. Holcomb and Chester H. Holcomb, brothers, who were charged with conspiracy by J. S. Sargent, a member of the firm of Allen, Breck & Co., of Philadelphia, proprietors of the "Commercial Bureau of Pennsylvania." The prosecutor alleged that the accused had conspired to cheat and defraud the concern in which he is a partner. The object of the Commercial Bureau is to make collections for business men in all parts of the State without putting them to any unnecessary trouble. It has attorneys in every county, who make the collections for a certain per centage. The Bureau also publishes monthly reports which are furnished to all the merchants who are patrons of the establishment. When the conspiracy suit, which is but one of several others against the accused, came up for a hearing, Mr. John H. Bailey appeared for the plaintiff and Messrs. R. M. Gibson and J. M. Gazzam for the defendants. A number of witnesses were examined on behalf of the prosecution, but the Mayor evidently thought that their testimony did not go far toward establishing the charge, for when the evidence was all in the plaintiff's counsel asked that A. B. Holcomb then waived a hearing on a suit for false pretense and furnished $300 bail for court; C. H. Holcomb also waived a hearing and gave bail for trial on charges of larceny and false pretense. The former is a resident of Lancaster, Pa., and the latter of Rochester, N. Y. Until the first of August last, A. B. Holcomb was a member of the firm of Allen, Breck & Co., when he sold out to S. J. Sargent and, the latter alleges, obligated himself by written instrument not to carry on the business of the collection business in any of the States or Territories formerly occupied by Allen, Breck & Co. except California. Mr. Holcomb claims to have gone to California last year and commenced canvassing for subscriptions, which, Mr. Sargent says, he had no right to do. C. H. Holcomb was formerly an agent for A. B. & Co., but upon severing his connection with that firm he, with W. E. Ehler, of Lancaster, and C. E. Cook, of Wilkesbarre, established a bureau known as "C. E. Cook's Commercial Bureau of Pennsylvania." The Holcombs are both very intelligent-looking gentlemen, of shrewd and business-like appearance.

ALLEGHENY STREETS.

Meeting of the Street Committee—Some Improvements Ordered.

The Street Committee of Allegheny Councils held a regular meeting last evening, Mr. N. H. Voegtly presiding.

The City Engineer was directed to prepare a profile and grade of Preble avenue, between Wilkins and Elm streets.

Messrs. Price, George Cochran and Bedell were appointed a sub-committee with power to act to have a cinder or board walk on Fifteenth street, from Ingles View street to the Perrysville road, if they considered it necessary.

Messrs. Golden, Heagy and Wall were appointed a sub-committee to ascertain whether Twenty-first street, in the Eighth ward, had ever been opened and vacated.

An ordinance was ordered to be prepared for the appointment of viewers to appraise the damages done by the changing of the grade on McClure avenue.

The contract for placing a wooden box sewer on Eckert street, Eleventh ward, was awarded to Dalzell & Parker for $38.

The Street Commissioner was authorized to engage a man to level the dirt on South avenue.

The bill of Johnston & Wilhelm, amounting to $4,196.87, for work done on Howard street, was approved.

The monthly pay roll of the Street Commissioner of the Eastern District, amounting to $1,490.79, and also that of the Western District, amounting to $1,339.78, was approved.

The following papers were placed on file, which virtually kills them:

Petition for relief from payment of the cost of the stone wall on Howard street; ordinance for a brick sewer on McClure avenue; ordinance for the grading and paving of Walker street; remonstrance to sewer on Western avenue.

After the approval of a number of bills the committee adjourned.

Steamship Arrivals Yesterday.

Dispatches received at Max Schamberg's European Steamship, Exchange and Telegraph Office, at 163 Smithfield street, announce the arrival of the steamer City of Montreal, at New York; steamer Ethiopia, at Glasgow.

VIEWERS' REPORT.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburgh.

The undersigned Viewers of Street Improvements in the City of Pittsburgh, appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Allegheny county, authorized by ordinance, passed on the 28th day of June, A. D. 1875, a copy of which is hereto attached, to make an assessment of the cost and expense of constructing a Public Sewer on Washington street, in said city, upon the property benefited thereby under the provisions and in accordance with an Act of Assembly entitled "An Act concerning streets and sewers in the City of Pittsburgh," approved January 6th, 1864, and the several supplements thereto respectfully report:

That having been first duly sworn and qualified according to law, they proceeded in the manner and according to the directions of said Act, to discharge the duties of their appointments; that having viewed the premises, they made an assessment of said cost and expense upon the property benefited, and caused a plot and statement to be made, as required by said Act; and having given the owner of each lot ten days notice of the time and place of meeting, they met on the 13th day of Nov., A. D. 1875, at the office of Board of Viewers in the city of Pittsburgh, heard all the complaints and evidence offered and having made all modifications and corrections which they deem proper, assessed the cost and expense of constructing said sewer upon the following property, upon each for the amount set opposite the name of the owner thereof, viz.:

VIEWERS' REORT on construction of sewer on Washington street, from Wylie avenue to Fifth avenue.

Whole cost of sewer	$1,974 65
Printing ordinances and notices	15 00
Printing Viewers' Report	3 50
Making tracing	5 74
Viewers' time	30 00
Serving notices	3 00
	$2,031 89

And for payment of the same we make the following assessments on property benefited by the improvement:

Washington street.

C. Linehart	26	$2 47	$ 64 22
William Ward	66	do	163 02
E. Dithridge's heirs	286	do	706 42
W. Gormley	31	do	76 57
W. Lemon	21	do	51 87
H. McCutcheon	20	do	49 40
P. Meyers	20	do	49 40
H. Freese	27	do	66 69
Edith Cassidy	27	do	66 69
A. McCracken	46	do	113 62
Sarah Ingram	26	do	64 22
Watson's heirs	31	do	76 57
H. Tatnel	15	do	37 05
James Banford	20	do	49 40
S. Smith's heirs	15	do	37 05
B. Arthurs	15	do	37 05
A. McCracken	15	do	37 05
			$1,746 29

Franklin street.

R. Sawyer	22	$2	$44 00
T. Moorehead	10	$1.50	15 00
S. McBride	10	$1	10 00
H. Perry	33	50c	19 50
H. Perry	20	do	
J. O'Keefe	21	do	3 15
D. Munn	21	do	3 15
Geo. Norris	21	do	3 15
D. O. Jones	10	do	1 50

Congress street.

S. Gross	25	do	3 75
E. McKnight	55	do	8 25
H. Perry	43	do	6 45
Mrs. Davis	21	do	3 15
T. Rogers	21	do	3 15

Wylie avenue.

Rebecca H. Carlisle	44	do	6 60
Mrs. C. McKee	44	do	6 60
Alexander King	24	do	3 60
R. Watson's heirs	24	do	3 60

Congress street.

M. McCullough, Jr	10